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Stephen B. Shanklin, Murray State '70, served as a regional director for the Headquarters staff and has volunteered for numerous chapters and national committees. In 2001, he was inducted into the Order of the Golden Heart, and he was elected to the National Board of Directors in 2005. Brother Shanklin and his wife, Darlene, live in Martin, Tenn., where he is an instructor in Accounting at the University of Southern Indiana. They have a daughter, Anna, and son, Jon, who is a member of the Indiana Zeta Chapter at Valparaiso University.

Every chapter deserves a Dubach

In the long history of fraternal life in American colleges, the movement could have faded into extinction without the ongoing influence and stability provided by alumni brothers and volunteers. The truly great chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon, as well as other fraternities, offer an exceptional undergraduate experience guided by caring and committed volunteers who are ever present. These roles are numerous. Chapter counselors have become legendary in service to the principles of SigEp. Alumni and Volunteer Corporation members have been the trustees of real estate and guardians of the legacy of our chapters that we simply call "tradition." District governors assume the duty of caring for multiple chapters in their area. House mothers, parents, and faculty members also provide the personal attention as volunteers who ensure a high standard for fraternal life in our chapters. All this commitment is aimed directly at the quality of the undergraduate experience. *The* focus of their attention is guided by a deep desire and altruistic dedication to make young men's lives better.

The major importance of the role of volunteers in chapter success was signaled in Uncle Billy Phillip's method of establishing new chapters in the early years of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Upon arriving on the campus, his first stop was not at the university center or student union building to make contact with the student body, it was in faculty and administrative offices where he sought the foundation of a great chapter. Many of these "recruited volunteers" went on to become the icons and giants of our past. One of these greats, **Dean U.G. Dubach, Oregon State '13**, maintains his vigil from a portrait above the fireplace in the Board Room of Zollinger House. I am often reminded of the platitudes we still hear, the hallmarks of Dr. Dubach's counsel to the brothers of Oregon Alpha. "You can't carve rotten wood," and "Give me a man with character and brains," among others. Many years after his death, this legacy of personal values and fraternal principles still serve his and other chapters today. One of the greatest compliments an Oregon State brother could receive was to be known as one of "Dubach's Boys." With Dubach serving more than twenty years as the National Scholarship Chairman championing the call for greater academic standards and achievement, I believe we have each become one of "Dubach's Boys."

Dr. **George J. Cottier, Auburn '29**, was another who took a chapter into his personal care and nurtured hundreds of men at Alabama Alpha over more than four decades. Even after his retirement from the College of Veterinary Science, "Doc" continued his role as chapter counselor until very near his death in the late 1980s. After that time Alabama Alpha began to experience problems in almost all areas of operation. The chapter had experienced the vacuum of Doc's absence. The very men Doc had so carefully prepared for life did not feel prepared to step up to fill his shoes for the chapter. Ultimately, a group of dedicated alums emerged to be "Doc by committee." Alabama Alpha thus began its long, hard road back to greatness.

We must constantly identify, recruit and develop the "new blood" required to secure the future of every chapter. We cannot let our efforts wane or the SigEp experience will be less than our young brothers deserve. Over the past three years, the National Board of Directors and the Headquarters staff have aggressively rededicated our efforts to re-establish and develop the most comprehensive program in our history focused on a simple initiative: Provide the volunteer programming, training and development necessary to support the highest caliber Fraternity experience possible. For all the resources we provide to assure a quality undergraduate experience, none is more important to our chapters than dedicated volunteers who are there for them year after year.

If we expect to continue as the premier college Fraternity experience in America, every chapter will need a Dubach. Anything less is unacceptable!

Steve

A stylized, handwritten signature of Stephen B. Shanklin in black ink.

STEPHEN B. SHANKLIN
Grand President

In fondest memory of
Robert L. McCune, Bradley '50
1928 - 2008

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Wetzel wins again

Dear *Journal* Editor,

I want to thank you so much for the article you did on me this past issue. It was such a pleasure working with you on this. This past weekend in Saline, Mich., I won my second world championship. After my first win last year I knew that to repeat I would have my work cut out for me. I had started training for this game seven months ago and came in almost 20 pounds heavier and ready for the game. Of the nine events, I won six of them and got one second and two third places. I had a fantastic game and won going away. I would love to see more SigEps in the games to showcase our athletes. Thank you so much.

MYLES WETZEL, South Florida '82



Myles Wetzel, South Florida '82, hoisting his latest Highland Games world championship plaque. That must be his lucky shirt, since it was on the last *Journal* cover.

Whole lotta plantin' goin' on

Dear SigEp Brothers,

Just picked up the Summer 2008 SigEp *Journal*, and learned of Planting America and its endeavors. Congratulations.

I am happy to report another SigEp-related organization has a similar program, resulting in 92,000+ native trees planted in support of Everglades Restoration, the biggest wetlands restoration project on the planet.

Planting projects were begun in 2001 and continue. Our

major project is restoring the pond apple forest in and around south Lake Okeechobee.

We have accomplished this by engaging local schools in a service learning program, relating native forests to ecologic and economic value and local culture, and having the students plant the trees.

We would be glad to partner in any way that is mutually agreeable and

“donate” our tree count to your cause. Can you count trees planted retroactively?

Any chance of getting to Florida on your bike path?

Faternally,

JOHN ARTHUR MARSHALL, Florida '63

Chairman of the Board,
Arthur R. Marshall
Foundation and Florida
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“It’s the little things citizens do. That’s what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees.”

~ WANGARI MAATHAI



Lewis meets Holtz

Journal readers may remember a story in the last issue about **Todd Lewis**, SIU-Carbondale '94, (left) and how his goal-oriented focus has changed his life. One of the triggers for that shift was a speech he heard from renowned coach Lou Holtz. Lewis met his hero recently, and what’s the first thing he did? Why hand him a copy of the *Journal* of course! “Above is a photo of me handing Coach Lou Holtz the *Journal*. What an honor to be a SigEp. Who ever said dreams don’t come true!” Not Todd Lewis.



Matt Cortina (left) and Grant Gardner, Virginia Tech '09, at a stop in Flemington, N.J., in July 2007.

Submit general news online

Chapters and alumni can submit news directly to the SigEp web site. News is reviewed and posted in most recent order on the home page. Typical content for online items includes Greek awards, campus positions, philanthropy activities, athletics and alumni accomplishments. Go to www.sigep.org. Click on “Submit News” at the bottom of the Chapter and Alumni News section.

Look for more on SigEp’s web site. The Fraternity is expecting to launch a new site early next year.

The *Journal* is always open to interesting story ideas. Please send an e-mail to Journal@sigep.net to propose your ideas. Ed.

Journal design updated

By GAY-LYNN CARPENTER, Editor

A bit of history...

At the tender age of 105, the *SigEp Journal* has undergone multiple face lifts over the years. The earliest Journals were 8 3/8 x 5 1/2. Volume 10, Number 1 (1912, *Editor: Fred A. Price, Missouri-Columbia '17*) sports a fold-out frontispiece of 47 attendees at the Seventh Grand Conclave, most with hat in hand. The one-column article reports on the dinner menu which includes Princess Salad and Fraternity Ice Cream. Each 100-page issue had a handful of photos.

By the 50s, the *Journal* had grown to 10 x 6 1/2 and the cover was in color. Photos graced most two-column pages. Volume 57, Number 1 (1959, *Editor: John Robson, Lawrence '28*) has a lovely red door on the cover from Ball State. Some issues neared 100 pages.

The 80s saw the tabloid version of the *Journal* emerge, an 11 x 17 newspaper format of about 16 pages. The Annual Report for Volume 83, Number 4 (1986, *Editor: Craig D. Templeton, Kansas '81*) calls out four challenges: Alcohol Programming, Financial Operations, Rush and Scholarship.

By the 90s, a standard 8 1/4 x 10 3/4 magazine format was established with a four-color cover and a few color photos inside. The cover of Volume 94, Number 1 (1996, *Editor: Kenneth S. Maddox, Oregon State '75*) shows a photo of a new-fangled invention at the time, a desktop computer, showing SigEp.net, the Fraternity's first appearance on the World Wide Web.

For the past decade, the *Journal* has maintained essentially the same look: a standard magazine with color photos and cover, two or three columns and "SigEp" as the lone focal point of the publication title.



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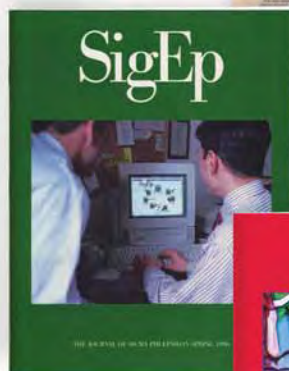
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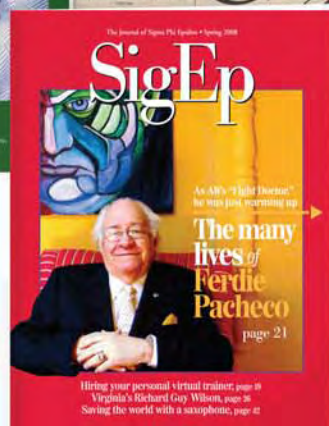
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And now for something "different"

Last year, the *Journal* launched a survey to get your feedback on how we could make the magazine even better. Hundreds of you provided specific comments in addition to answering the questions. A key theme in the comments was that the *Journal's* design needed an update.

One reader thought the design was "getting a bit stale." Another called for "a more contemporary design. Slightly updated to look more modern and appealing to undergrads." Many simply said "additional pictures and varying template layouts might help," or "more artwork."

As you scan through the redesigned Fall '08 *Journal*, my hope is that you will see our answer to the comments above as well as some other improvements. The first thing you might notice is that the cover recaptures the emphasis on the title *Journal*, while still holding onto a strong SigEp stamp.

You should be able to more effectively scan the magazine and better understand our sections. Generally, chapter-focused news is toward the front half of the magazine. Broad features of general interest, such as our series about mentorship on page 22, will appear in the center. In the back half, you'll find alumni-focused articles. And finally, I hope you find the magazine more visually exciting and interesting as we offer more page variety.

Keep the comments coming. I'm always eager to hear your feedback. E-mail me at gaylynn.carpenter@sigep.net with suggestions, compliments or critiques!



Red Door Notes

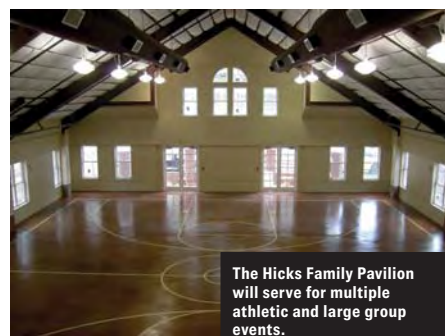
The red door on SigEp chapter houses started at Syracuse University in 1928.

Texas Christian unveils renovated Evans Library

- Texas Gamma undergrads moved into Wiggins Hall in August 2007. The facility houses 27 SigEps.
- The amount needed for the improvements was \$127,000 and came through loans and contributions from alumni, undergraduates and parents.
- **Ken Jorns, '74**, managed the project and fundraisers included **Bill Patten, '73**, and **Brett Singer, '09**.
- The 1,500-square-foot facility includes a full kitchen, lobby and chapter room.
- Renovations include the John R. Evans Library, which was a keystone to the Texas Gamma Chapter Room from 1965-76. Evans funded the Library in 1965.
- Common area improvements include a pool table, which displays the SigEp crest, and three plasma TVs.
- The Texas Gamma Chapter Room is used for campus-wide Greek life and Interfraternity Council meetings.



The dedication of the John R. Evans Library was slated for late August. Several members of Evans' family were expected to attend including Evans' son, Sigma Phi Epsilon Citation Recipient Ray Evans, Oklahoma '55, and his nephew, Charles "Chuck" Peterson, Texas Christian '61.



The Hicks Family Pavilion will serve for multiple athletic and large group events.

Texas chapter house



Texas completes Hicks Family Pavilion

- The chapter officially launched its capital campaign, "Honoring Our Past, Protecting Our Future," in July 2007.
- The chapter has renovated the existing 18,000-square-foot facility with a fire sprinkler system, new energy-efficient windows, a modern kitchen and laundry facility.
- To provide better facilities for the Sound Mind and Sound Body activities central to SigEp, the construction includes a 10,000-square-foot climate-controlled, multipurpose facility called the Hicks Family Pavilion. It will serve members with a multipurpose athletic court, study and meeting rooms, a 1,200-square-foot loft area, and a large courtyard for outdoor gatherings.
- The campaign also allowed the chapter to establish a \$500,000 building endowment to fund future maintenance costs.



Texas Campaign Chair Tom Hicks, '68, (left) and Honorary Chair Roger Chapman, '49.

- This May, undergraduates and alumni celebrated the dedication of the Hicks Family Pavilion. At press time, the campaign had secured gifts and pledges of over \$3.1 million, and facility renovations were complete.

Kansas breaks ground for renovations



The groundbreaking ceremony at the University of Kansas in June initiated a \$1.6 million project, which will add a new living room, chapter room, computer lab, game room and additional member rooms. Above, key players from the chapter and its Expansion Steering Committee (ESC), the construction company, the bank and the university wield shovels to get the project underway. Left to right: **Gus Meyer Sr., '80**, Rau Construction president; **Michael Gillaspie, '09**, ESC Member **Tom Gray, '77**; **Gus Meyer Jr., '05**, Rau Construction project manager; Expansion Campaign Director **Mark Allen, Renaissance**; ESC Co-Chair **Michael Dalbom, '04**; ESC Member **Bernie Becker, '74**, Reuben Perez, Kansas Office of Greek Life; **Laura Bauer**, Kansas Office of Greek Life; **Glynn Sheridan**, Sunflower Bank president; **Landon Plumer, '09**, and ESC Co-Chair **Larry Miller, '78**.

Fire destroys Wisconsin chapter house

By RYAN SUGDEN, Wisconsin '06

Just before midnight on May 12, the unthinkable happened: a two-alarm fire broke out at SigEp's historic University of Wisconsin chapter house, destroying the home and the belongings of 28 SigEps who were living in the house. Thankfully, everyone escaped safely without injury. Nearly 50 firefighters responded to the blaze but were forced to evacuate the 120-year-old home when its structural stability was compromised as flames spread to the attic and roof.

What caused the fire is still unknown. A private investigator hired by the chapter's insurance carrier determined that the fire started outside of the house and spread to balconies on the second and third floors, eventually destroying over 50% of the facility, which will be razed later this year.

Although there is never a good time for a tragedy to occur, the fire came at a particularly difficult period for brothers—finals week. Not only did the trauma of a fire add to the typical stress of finals week, but a semester's worth of

books, class notes, laptops, clothes and other belongings were lost. Over half of the house's residents had a final the very next day.

Of course, brothers

came together to help one another. Those displaced by the fire stayed in the apartments of fellow SigEps, clothes were shared, and the university and American Red Cross offered emergency funds to purchase other essentials. Chapter alumni from as far away as Seattle, San Francisco and Washington, D.C., called with their support. Fellow SigEp chapters from across the country offered their assistance. SigEp officials from Richmond flew in to help brothers recover.

The response of Madison residents and the campus Greek community was truly impressive. They opened their homes, offering clothes, meals and shelter. Restaurants donated food, and stores like Wal-Mart distributed gift cards. Nearly every sorority on campus offered to host SigEp for meals, and fraternities offered temporary housing. In fact, two dozen displaced SigEps will be staying in the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

During difficult periods like these, one of SigEp's most fundamental principles—Brotherly Love—comes into sharp focus. As SigEps, we are charged with caring for our fellow brothers, to ensure their personal welfare and help them achieve their potential. We are also responsible to care for our fellow community

members in need.

To know that so many people on campus, in our community and across the country cared and were wishing us well was truly heartening during a challenging time. As SigEps, we must do the same for others. Should an off-campus house or apartment catch fire, reach out to the victims and offer what help SigEp can. Organize a group of brothers to lend a hand during natural disasters like floods or tornadoes. If you read of personal tragedy, inquire into what the Fraternity can do. A simple offer of assistance goes a long way to helping a person recover.

Within just hours of the fire, we coined a phrase that summarized our vision of the future—We Will

Rebuild. Our chapter has faced fire before and come back better and stronger than ever.

The fire was a tragedy, but it will not be an excuse. We expect an excellent fall recruitment season, with brotherhood stronger than ever before, and a continuation of our tradition of excellence on the Wisconsin-Madison campus. We sincerely appreciate the support of SigEps everywhere and look forward to updating you in



KYLE BURSAM THE DAILY CARDINAL

Above: Nearly 50 firefighters responded to battle the blaze.



Left: SigEp showed its deep appreciation to local public servants with a "Thank You" banner in front of the burned house, acknowledging efforts such as the police officer who spotted the fire and the fire department that helped all occupants escape safely.

"The fire was a tragedy, but it will not be an excuse."

a few years with news of a new world-class facility at Wisconsin Beta.

Ryan Sugden volunteers as vice president of housing operations and directs public relations for the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. He helped with crisis communications for the chapter. To offer contacts or expertise in the chapter's rebuilding efforts, e-mail AVC@wibetaalumni.org.

RENTER'S INSURANCE: What you need to know

For just a few dollars a month, renter's insurance can help you replace thousands of dollars of your personal belongings lost in fire, theft, storm damage or vandalism. Why should you get renter's insurance? Ask yourself two key questions—how much are your belongings worth, and could you afford to replace them if they were stolen or destroyed? State Farm Insurance estimates that the average renter has \$20,000 worth of belongings. Replacing furniture, electronics, clothing and unique items, like guitars, adds up.

- Check your parents' homeowner's policy and landlord's insurance coverage. Are your belongings covered?
- Get coverage. Many insurance companies offer inexpensive renter's policies. Your auto insurer or parents' homeowner's carrier may offer a discount when adding policies.
- Take inventory. Create a list of your belongings, noting such things as age and model. List individual CDs and DVDs and a complete list of clothes. Be thorough! When the time comes, you may not recall all of your belongings.

Learn more from the Independent Insurance Information Institute, www.iii.org.

Two brothers survive testicular cancer

By ERIN MULLALLY, Michigan State '99

This year nearly 8,000 American men will be diagnosed with testicular cancer, the most common form of cancer found in men ages 15-35. While the causes of testicular cancer are unclear, it is highly treatable, especially early on. Regular testicular self-examinations can help identify growths early, when the chance for successful treatment is highest. **Taylor Barnett, Georgetown '08**, knows firsthand the importance of testicular cancer self-examinations.

"This past spring, while surfing SigEp's web site, I read about how to perform a testicular self-exam. It was by performing this exam that I discovered a lump on my right testicle. I decided to have it checked out," Barnett shared recently.

"Literally two days before my graduation I went to the E.R. at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md. Just a few hours after being admitted, I was diagnosed with testicular cancer."

"A short time later, surgery followed with many of my brothers lending support above and beyond the call of duty. Even one of the nurses who took care of me in the recovery ward was a SigEp," he said.

Barnett continues to recover at Vanderbilt University Medical Center where he will soon complete his demanding chemotherapy treatments. "My



Taylor Barnett, Georgetown '08, followed the steps for self-examination after seeing them in a past *Journal* article.

outlook is bright and life should hopefully get back to normal in the coming months," he said.

Craig Lill, Purdue '02, is another young SigEp who has battled testicular cancer. In May 2007, Lill noticed an enlargement in one of his testicles. With no history of cancer in his family and in excellent physical condition, he was not immediately concerned. But when the enlargement

became tender and slightly painful, he went to a specialist to check it out.

"I wish now that I would have insisted on seeing someone sooner," he recalled. The specialist almost immediately identified the enlargement as a testicular cancerous tumor and scheduled surgery to remove his cancerous testicle the following day. He later completed necessary chemotherapy treatments at Indiana University where fellow testicular cancer survivor Lance Armstrong was also treated.

"My SigEp brothers were a big support during chemotherapy, with some of them spending time with me in the hospital. My housemother from my time in the chapter, Mom Nonnie, and Chapter Counselor **Dave Huhnke, Purdue '83**, lent support as well."

Today Lill is cancer free, but sees an oncologist once a month to check for any other potential problems.

"Do something right away if you even suspect that you may have a problem, especially as testicular cancer can spread extremely fast," advised Lill.

SigEp continues to educate undergraduate brothers on testicular cancer by annually distributing testicular cancer "examination cards" to every chapter. It is an effort that Brothers Barnett and Lill fully support.

"We macho guys are usually reluctant to see a doctor about anything, much less a potential problem with a testicle. We need to realize how vulnerable we can be, no matter how much we can bench-press, how well we eat, or how fast we can run a mile. Sound body isn't just about following a diet and an exercise plan, it's about overall health and wellness," said Barnett.

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~ TAYLOR BARNETT



Top: Craig Lill, Purdue '02, sought treatment for testicular cancer in 2007, smiling even through his chemotherapy treatments. Perhaps that helped him get to his current cancer-free state this year as he smiles with his girlfriend, Candace Ortiz, above.

Self-examination:

Unfortunately, there is no sure way to prevent testicular cancer. However, performing regular self-examinations will improve your chances of finding any problems.

Most men discover testicular cancer while performing the following self-examination:

- ❑ Stand in front of a mirror. Look for any swelling.
- ❑ Examine each testicle with both hands. Place the index and middle fingers under the testicle while placing your thumbs on the top.
- ❑ Gently roll the testicle between the thumbs and the fingers. Check for lumps or swelling. (It is normal for one testicle to be slightly larger than the other.)

By regularly performing this self-examination, you will become aware of anything that might be of concern.

Symptoms:

- ❑ A lump or swelling in either testicle (cancer usually affects only one testicle).
- ❑ A change in how the testicle feels.
- ❑ A dull ache in the lower abdomen or the groin.
- ❑ Pain or discomfort in a testicle or in the scrotum.

See your doctor as quickly as possible if you detect any pain, swelling or lumps in your testicles or groin area, especially if these symptoms last longer than two weeks. Pain from testicular cancers from the outset is rare, so make an appointment with your doctor even if a lump or swelling is not painful.

Risk factors:

- ❑ Family history of testicular cancer.
- ❑ Age. Testicular cancer affects teens and younger men but can occur at any age.
- ❑ Race. Testicular cancer is more common in Caucasian men than in African-American men.
- ❑ An undescended testicle.

To find out more:

The Mayo Clinic www.mayoclinic.com

National Cancer Institute www.cancer.gov



How to do a TSE (Testicular Self-Exam)

Cancer of the testicle can be cured if you find it early.

Use the shower check.

1. Check your testicles once a month.
2. Roll each testicle between your thumb and finger, like this:



Feel for hard lumps or bumps.

3. If you notice a change or have aches or lumps, tell your doctor right away so something can be done about it.

Testicular cancer can be cured.

You should also know that prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men. Men over age 50 should have an annual health check-up that includes a prostate examination.

SigEps learn to take care of their bodies.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
TOLL FREE: 1-800-ACS-2345

Sigma Phi Epsilon continues to educate undergraduate brothers on testicular cancer by annually distributing testicular cancer "examination cards" to every chapter. If you need additional cards, contact Matt Ontell, matthew.ontell@sigep.net.



Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

Fifty-nine chapters in Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse for fall 2007 semester

With 207 chapters reporting as of July 23, 2008, 59 chapters have achieved the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse standard with 89 earning a 3.0 or higher. Just about 10% fell below the GPA standard of 2.6. Don't see your chapter listed? To be included in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse list, your chapter must achieve a GPA of 3.15 or higher, **and** you need to submit a verified grade report to the Fraternity. Print out the form at www.SigEp.org/documents/academic-verification.pdf. Complete it and e-mail it to academics@sigep.net.

Doing the math*

59 of 207

chapters reporting earned a 3.15 GPA or higher (29%)

46 of 207

chapters reporting are #1 on campus (24%)

21 of 207

chapters reporting have a GPA below 2.60 (10%)

3.01

All-Member GPA
(207 chapters)

3.04

All-BMP Member GPA
(160 chapters)

2.92

All-Pledging Member GPA
(47 chapters)

3.18

All-RLC Member GPA
(30 chapters)

* All GPAs rounded to the nearest hundredth percent

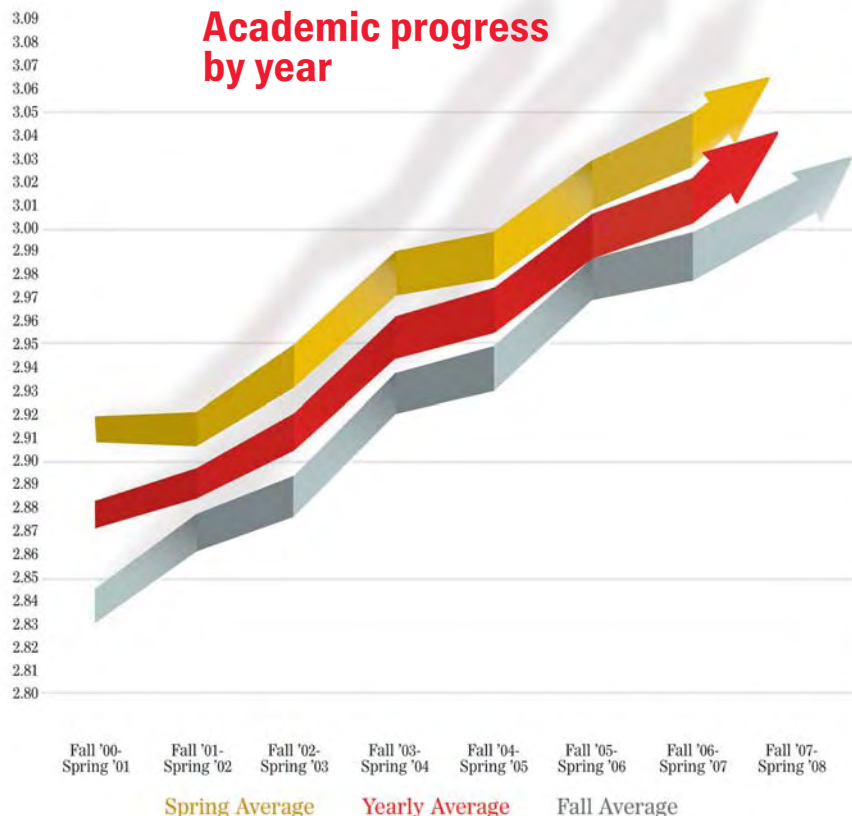


Fall GPA for 207 Chapters reporting: **3.01**

SCHOOL NAME	CHAPTER GPA	CHAPTER RANK	MANPOWER
1 Duke	3.58	2/15	70
2 Emory	3.55	1/16	18
3 Maine*	3.48	1/15	47
4 Rochester	3.47	n/a	32
5 Washington in St. Louis	3.47	4/11	80
6 MIT	3.44	11/27	29
7 Columbia	3.44	8/13	40
8 Dartmouth	3.43	3/14	93
9 Florida	3.42	3/26	146
10 Stevens Tech*	3.41	1/17	47
11 Northwestern	3.41	2/17	105
12 Valparaiso*	3.40	1/9	70
13 Georgia	3.38	1/26	114
14 American	3.38	2/10	30
15 Richmond*	3.37	1/6	78
16 Case Western Reserve*	3.37	3/18	34
17 Illinois*	3.35	4/45	176
18 New York	3.35	2/14	17
19 Carnegie Mellon*	3.34	1/12	84
20 Vanderbilt	3.34	9/17	58
21 Quinnipiac	3.34	n/a	66
22 Loyola Marymount	3.33	3/15	124
23 California-Berkeley	3.33	9/36	52
24 Ohio State*	3.32	3/31	85
25 Marquette	3.32	1/7	8
26 Indiana	3.32	2/37	48
27 Syracuse	3.31	9/43	52
28 Drake*	3.30	1/8	93
29 Saint Louis	3.29	1/11	95
30 Washington	3.29	3/29	46
31 Bucknell	3.29	5/14	87
32 North Dakota*	3.29	1/12	53
33 Baldwin Wallace	3.28	2/5	15
34 Michigan	3.27	5/27	101
35 Davidson	3.25	2/8	85
36 Miami (Ohio)	3.25	1/27	112
37 Murray State	3.25	1/13	63
38 Maryland-College Park	3.24	5/23	56
39 Washburn*	3.23	1/5	25
40 UCLA	3.23	5/17	85
41 Minnesota*	3.22	3/23	38
42 Lehigh*	3.22	1/20	62
43 Drexel	3.22	4/11	51
44 Tufts	3.21	2/9	53
45 Southern California	3.21	12/20	75
46 Denison	3.21	2/7	48
47 Cincinnati*	3.20	2/23	92
48 Babson	3.20	1/4	43
49 Toledo*	3.20	1/10	58
50 South Dakota State	3.20	1/6	33
51 WPI	3.20	n/a	62
52 Creighton	3.20	4/5	72
53 Texas Christian	3.18	2/10	132
54 George Washington	3.18	5/14	82
55 Baylor	3.18	3/17	38
56 Lawrence	3.18	2/5	26
57 Clarkson	3.17	2/11	43
58 Elon	3.15	1/7	79
59 Nebraska-Omaha	3.15	1/5	61

Key: 3.5 GPA Phi Beta Kappa Standard
*Residential Learning Community
Italics Denotes a Sigma Epsilon chapter
07-08 SigEp Champion

Academic progress by year





Forty-six chapters are intramural champions for 2007-2008

The following chapters are 2007-2008 Intramural Champions for their schools. Schools in red also have qualified for the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse for fall '07 (see page 8). These chapters have made the commitment to Sound Mind and Sound Body. See your school on the list? Congratulations!

Intramural Champions for 2007-2008

1 Arkansas Tech	23 IIT
2 Austin Peay State	24 Johns Hopkins
3 Baker*	25 Loyola
4 Ball State	26 Maine*
5 Barton	27 Memphis*
6 Bucknell	28 Michigan
7 California-Davis	29 Missouri State*
8 California-Santa Barbara	30 Moravian
9 Cal State-Northridge	31 Ohio State*
10 CalPoly SLO	32 Ohio Wesleyan
11 Case Western Reserve*	33 Oklahoma
12 Central Arkansas	34 Rider
13 Charleston	35 San Diego State
14 Clemson	36 South Florida*
15 Colorado State*	37 Stetson*
16 East Tennessee State	38 Stevens Tech*
17 Eastern Washington*	39 UCLA
18 Elon	40 Valparaiso*
19 Evansville	41 Vanderbilt
20 Florida	42 Washington in St. Louis
21 Florida Atlantic	43 Washburn*
22 George Mason	44 Western Michigan
	45 Wichita State
	46 Wright State

Key: **Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse chapter**
*Residential Learning Community

13 intramural champion chapters are in Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

13 Residential Learning Communities are intramural champions

Bucknell: Intramural champs times 10

By LUKE GREELEY, Bucknell '09

This year the brothers at Bucknell's Pennsylvania Kappa Chapter won their 10th overall intramural championship in a row. Winning championships in sports such as soccer, dodge ball and volleyball, and consistently fielding teams that make it to the playoffs, Bucknell has retained the Pangburn Trophy for a decade. The Pangburn Trophy, named after an esteemed Bucknell trustee who played football in college and promoted fitness his entire life, is given to Bucknell's overall intramural

champion each year. Pennsylvania Kappa has won the trophy since 1998, only one year after its recolonization in 1997. SigEp at Bucknell competes against 12 fraternities and a host of other non-affiliated teams.

Chapter President **Luke Greeley, '09**, thinks their key to success is diligence: "Our chapter consistently wins because we all take our teams very seriously. We never forfeit games due to lack of attendance. We consistently recruit previous high-school athletes who enjoy competi-

Bucknell had a 3.38 GPA in the spring '08 semester.

tion, and each team is supported by the entire chapter."

The intramural chairs are also a credit to their success by posting schedules, sending reminder emails and even giving some game highlights at chapter. In addition to athletic accolades, Bucknell had a 3.38 GPA and raised over \$10,000 in philanthropy for the spring 2008 semester.



Above: In fall 2007 the chapter's Swift Blue soccer team, one of two teams, had a record of 9-3. Chapter President Greeley (back row, far right) thinks teamwork and a supportive attitude help Swift Blue be an intramural success.

Left: The Pangburn Trophy is given to Bucknell's overall intramural champion each year. SigEp has earned it ten times.

Spring sports review

By JAY LANGHAMMER

Below, we review the outstanding accomplishments of SigEp undergraduate intercollegiate athletes in such spring sports as baseball, tennis, track and field, golf, lacrosse, volleyball, crew/rowing, sailing and croquet. We encourage all chapters and alumni to send the names of athletes to journal@sigep.net for future coverage.

BABSON

Golf co-captain Rory Doherty, '08, had a best finish (15th place tie) at the Johnson and Wales Invitational. He was also 20th at the Jack Barry Invitational and 22nd at the Hampton Inn Collegiate Invitational. Competing in track and field were co-captain Patrick Socorro, '08, Scott Cormier, '08, and Andy O'Brien, '11.

BAKER

Playing golf were P.J. Matulka, '09, Tanner Christenson, '09, Brent Bechard, '10, Chase Day, '09, Jared Drummond, '10, Zack Rockey, '10, and Tim Sipe, '10.

BALDWIN-WALLACE

Pitcher Stephen Yenulonis, '11, was a member of the baseball team and Tim Levitsky, '11, was on the track squad.

CALIFORNIA-DAVIS

Chris Fuller, '09, was a leading runner for the track team, posting a best time of 1:55.90 for 800 meters. He placed second at a dual meet with California-Santa Barbara and was third at the California-Davis Quadrangular. He also had a 1,500 meter time of 4:03.92 at the Stanford Invitational.

CAL POLY-POMONA

Baseball pitcher Anthony Burns, '09, posted a 1-0 record in 14 games.

CASE WESTERN RESERVE

Baseball co-captain Kevin Haley, '08, batted .284 (25 of 88), scored 18 runs and had nine doubles. As a pitcher, he had a 4-4 record with 32 strikeouts in 53 innings. At the University Athletic Association track meet, Andrew Pozzuto, '08, placed sixth in the javelin (153'10") and 10th in the discus. His top javelin throw (161') came in a third place finish at the Disney Invitational. Team-mate Matt Kamalsky, '09, competed in the decathlon at two meets.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Kyle Seibert, '10, saw action for the golf team.

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT

Earning All-American honors at the NCAA Division III outdoor track meet was Matt Griffis, '08, of the third place 400 meter relay team. At the Mason-Dixon Conference meet, he was on the winning 400 and 1,600 meter relays and placed second in the 400 meter hurdles. Adam Fitzhugh, '10, was on the sailing team.

CLARKSON

Playing for the 9-4 lacrosse team were defenseman Eric Herzig, '09, and attack Tim Leahy, '09.

COLUMBIA

Jason Novick, '08, and Greg Pupo, '08, were members of the lightweight rowing squad which placed seventh in the nation. Richard Joyce, '09, was on the school's heavyweight rowing squad.

DARTMOUTH

Seven SigEps were on the track team. Charlie Stoebe, '08, was on the first place distance medley relay and fourth in the 500 at the indoor Heptagonals meet. Outdoors, he was on the second place 1,600 meter relay and 11th in the 400 at the Heptagonals. Nicholas Weir, '09, was second in the 1,000 at the indoor

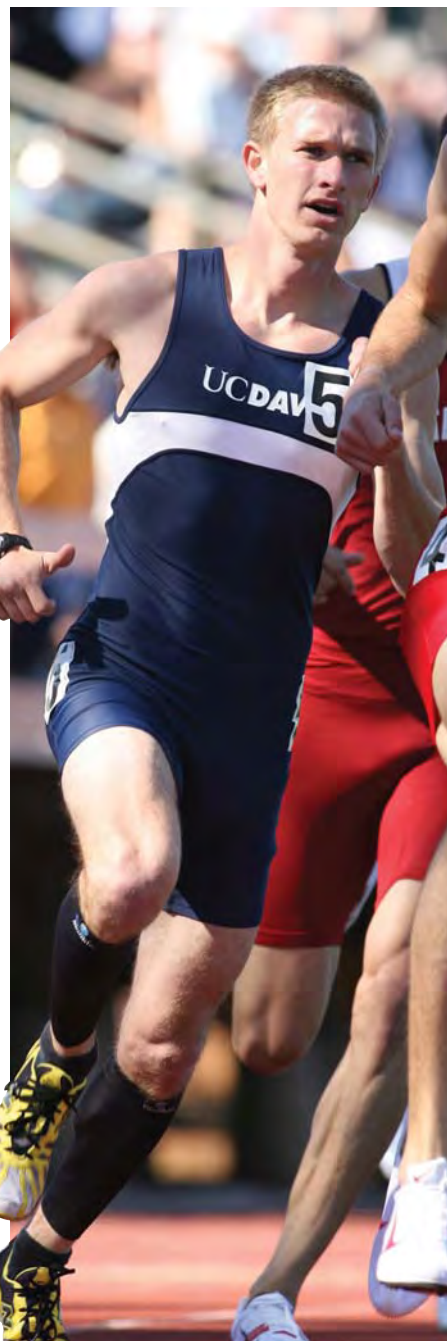
Heptagonals and sixth in the decathlon at the outdoor Heptagonals. Others were Kevin Treadway, '10, Ken DeCairano, '10, Alex Hall, '10, Andy Han, '09, and Kevin Muse, '10. Brendan McVeigh, '10, was on the sailing team and the crew team included Travis Green, '08, Anthony Fahden, '08, and Evan Greulich, '10.

DAVIDSON

David Orsbon, '09, and his partner repeated as USCAC collegiate croquet champions, beating out 14 other two-man teams.

DENISON

Center fielder Danny Pritz, '11, of the 27-18 baseball squad won a Rawlings Mideast Region Gold Glove after making just one error in 101 chances. He was second in batting with a .348 average and led with 65 hits, 187 at bats, 37 runs and 14 stolen bases. Catcher Alex Horn, '10, hit .322 (37 of 115) and was second with 30 runs batted in. Pitcher Freddy Marino, '11, posted a 4-1 record and 2.97 earned run average in a team-high 19 games. Earning All-North Coast Athletic Conference second team honors for the



Chris Fuller, California-Davis '09

14-3 Division III playoff team was lacrosse co-captain/defenseman Dave Harman, '08. Also seeing action were Andrew Doggett, '08, Justin Hess, '10, and Patrick Cuff, '10. At the NCAC track meet, Ben Pendery, '09, was third at 800 meters

and fifth with the 1,600 meter relay. Frank Steinberg, '08, played in the NCAC golf tournament.

EAST CAROLINA

Javelin thrower Spencer Barrick, '10, had a banner year and placed second at the Conference USA

meet. He won the Coastal Carolina Invitational; placed third (213'3") at the Duke Invitational; and was sixth (213'8") at the Wake Forest Open.

ELON

Mike Fekete, '10, was a golf team regular and averaged 76.61 over 18 rounds.

IIT

Baseball player Bill O'Toole, '12, was a starter at second base and shortstop.

JOHN CARROLL

Patrick Bloomstine, '09, was a regular for the 11-6-1 lacrosse club and was also commodore of the school's team in the Midwest Collegiate Sailing Association. Key regulars on the track team were javelin thrower Matt Hess, '08, and Ed Borowy, '08, who threw the shot and discus.

JOHNS HOPKINS

Competing for the track team were Prasanna Chandrasekhar, '09, and Matthew Trachtenburg, '09. Taylor Reese, '09, Nick Kreston, '10, Tristan Levey, '10, and Chris Viemeister, '09, were on the crew squad.

LAMBUTH

Designated hitter Ryan Hanson, '11, hit .298 (37 of 124) with 22 RBI and 20 runs for the 29-24 baseball team. Andrew Asbridge, '10, and

Eddy Whitaker, '10, were members of the golf squad and Bryan Almand, '08, was a tennis team regular.

LA SALLE

Chapter President Bryan Schwartz, '09, was on the rowing team.

LAWRENCE

Outfielder T.J. Frett, '10, batted .303 in 16 games for the baseball team.

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

At the West Coast Challenge, trackman Keyon Mitchell, '10, was on the winning 400 and 1,600 meter relays while placing second (11.58) at 100 meters. At the California-Irvine Invitational, he had a 22'9" long jump and reached 47'2" in a seventh place triple jump at the UCSD Triton Invitational.

LYNCHBURG

Pitcher Keith Yancey, '10, posted a 2-1 record in 11 contests for the 32-13 Division III playoff team.

MARSHALL

Golfer Chris Tipper, '08, shot a low round of 69 and averaged 76.33.

MIT

Jack Bourbonnais, '10, won the 10,000 meter run (32:53.30) at the indoor NEWMAC meet and was named to the NEWMAC academic all-conference team. At the indoor Division III New England

SCHOLAR ATHLETE FOCUS

Three Columbia SigEp rowers keep training and grades afloat

By BRIAN SHAWN, North Dakota '02

When the varsity rowing team at Columbia University takes to the water, they might as well call the boat "Team SigEp." Three members of New York Phi are a part of the squad. Gregory Pupo, Columbia '08, Richard Joyce, '09, and Jason Novick, Columbia '08, have enjoyed the experience along with three other lightweight and three former heavyweight rowers.

"We get up at 5:45 a.m. for practice, and the alarm clock is not quite as intrusive when you know the guy living next to you is working towards the same end goal as you are," Pupo said. "The added encouragement we give one another definitely helps on those cold, rainy, windy, snowy days on the not-so-forgiving Harlem River."

Not only have Pupo, Joyce and Novick been dedicated to varsity athletics, but the three men have also stayed heavily involved in the Fraternity and kept their grades a priority. Novick (GPA 3.78) was the vice president of finance in 2006. "Only occasionally was it difficult to balance school, athletics, and the Fraternity," Novick said. "When crew and academics get intense, SigEp is a place where I can unwind and relax with my brothers." Joyce (GPA 3.70) has served as vice president of communication and Pupo (GPA 3.20) is the chapter president.

The three oarsmen have enjoyed memo-



Richard Joyce '09, (center) offers a steady stroke to keep Columbia's SigEp rowing tradition on track.

rable experiences and excelled on the varsity crew team, and even though they have to make significant sacrifices to perform, the Fraternity always supports them. "I still think it is great to tell people that three guys stroking the Columbia Varsity Lightweight 8 all fall were SigEps." Pupo said. "It's definitely one of the highlights of both my SigEp and Columbia careers."

Keeping their grades a priority:

Left to right: Rowers Richard Joyce, '09, (GPA 3.70), Jason Novick, '08, (GPA 3.78) and Greg Pupo '08, (GPA 3.20) make Columbia's rowing team a SigEp experience.





Tim Leahy, Clarkson '09

meet, Kevin Kleinguetl, '11, was on the third place distance medley relay and placed 10th at 1,000 meters. He also ran on the 3,200 meter relay that set a new school record at the ECAC DIII meet and placed seventh at 800 meters during the outdoor NEWMAC meet.

MIAMI (OHIO)

Distance runner Kevin Silver, '09, had a best 5,000 meter time of 14:38.96 in a second place finish at the All-Ohio championships and placed fifth in the event at the outdoor Mid-American Conference meet.

MICHIGAN

Pole vaulter Chris Baldwin, '09, was fourth (15'9") at the Len Paddock Invitational and reached a best of 15'11" in a 10th place finish at the Big Ten outdoor meet.

MISSOURI S&T

Trackman Andrew Moore, '11, had top marks of 20'5" in the outdoor long jump and 44'4" in the indoor triple jump.

MONMOUTH

Jake Stott, '09, was on the winning 1600 meter relay at the Midwest Conference track meet, placed second with the 400 meter relay and finished third at 400

meters. Teammate Jeremy Henkins, '11, was also on the track squad, and outfielder Andrew Weidner, '10, was on the baseball team.

MUHLENBERG

Four SigEps on the tennis team were led by captain Jesse Kirschenbaum, '08. He and Jonathan Farber, '10, were both named to the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll. Teammate Robbie Goldwein, '10, played number one singles and Doug Wayne, '08, was also on the squad.

MURRAY STATE

Nicholas Ksiezopolski, '08, and Mikel Headford, '09, were tennis team regulars.

NEBRASKA-KEARNEY

A top track athlete was Scott Wenzel, '11, fifth in the triple jump (47'1.5") and 11th in the long jump (23') at the outdoor Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference meet. He was sixth in the triple jump at the RMAC indoor meet.

NORTHWOOD

Golfer Andrew Parr, '10, averaged 80.6 over six rounds and was joined on the squad by Jeff Baldwin, '11, and Jordan Tuck, '11. Robert Thornton, '11, ran the 800 meter event for the track team.

OHIO NORTHERN

Scott Turner, '10, competed as a hurdler and sprinter on the track team.

OHIO WESLEYAN

The 29-19 Division III baseball playoff club was led by outfielder-pitcher Joey McDaniel, '08, who was on the NIC All-Fraternity All-American first team, the All-NCAC first team and the All-Mideast Region second team. He led with 46 runs and was second with a .365 average (62 of 170) and 35 RBI. He led with 16 mound appearances and has a 4-4 record in 64.2 innings. Third baseman Eric

McComas, '10, was third at .349 (53 of 152), drove in 35 runs and scored 26. Gaining All-NCAC mention was outfielder Brent Wilkins, '08, who hit .306 (45 of 147) with a co-high four homers and 31 RBI. First baseman A.J. Dote, '08, had a co-high four homers and hit .286 (46 of 161) with 28 RBI and 28 runs. Hurler Matt Struble, '10, was 5-4 with 47 strikeouts in 49 innings. Batting .255 (25 of 98) was outfielder Matt Rhode, '09, and pitcher Greg Vasami, '09, had a 3-2 record. Others included catcher Josh Dougherty, '09, DH Jared Turner, '10, infielder Jared Haas, '11, second baseman Tyson Snyder, '10, and pitcher Mike Schleiden, '08. Winning the NCAC outdoor javelin title (171'11") was Alex Havran, '09, who ran on the winning distance medley relay at the NCAC indoor meet. Teammate Clay Davis, '09, placed third in the 10,000 meter run and seventh in the 5,000 at the NCAC outdoor meet. Playing for the 10-7 lacrosse DIII playoff team was

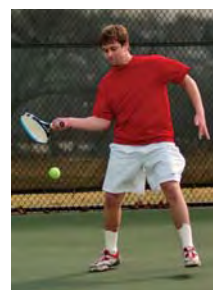
defenseman Scott Regnery, '11, and forward Dustin Rudegeair, '08, was named to the NIC All-Fraternity All-American Basketball first team. Zach Weaver, '11, was a regular on the tennis team.

STEVENS TECH

Seeing baseball action were infielder Matt Glassman, '11, a .268 hitter (19 of 71); infielder Ken Meerendork, '11, (.240, 25 RBI); infielder Mike Pagliaro, '12, (.246); pitcher Scott Picerno, '09; pitcher Alex Sota, '10, (2-2 record); catcher Dan Silva, '10; and infielder Shawn Dorman, '10. Brandt Grobeis, '11, led the volleyball team in games played (113) and set assists (863, 7.64 per game) while Andrew Fessler, '10, had 120 kills and ranked sixth with 142.5 points. Fred Hardenbrook, '08, won the Empire 8 Conference hammer throw and was ninth at the NYC Challenge. Mohamed Abuouf, '11, set a school record in the 110 hurdles (15.25) and ran on two relays. Kevin Sampson, '11, was Empire 8 Athlete of the Week after setting a personal best of 11:07 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

SUSQUEHANNA

At the Landmark Conference track meet, Ian Horton, '08, won the javelin event



Jesse Kirschenbaum, Muhlenberg '08

(172'5") and placed fourth in the shot put. He also competed in discus and hammer throws. Cory Prescott, '10, was a regular on the tennis team.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN

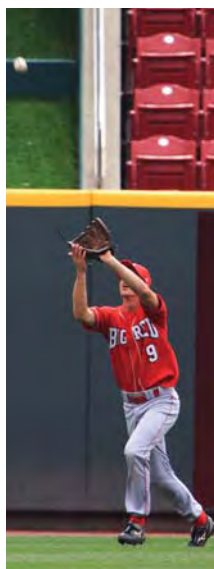
Adam Benz, '09, placed seventh at 100 meters and eighth at 200 meters at the Mountain West Conference track meet.

THIEL

Outfielder Eric Boylan, '09, was on the NIC All-Fraternity All-American first team and the DIII All-American third team after hitting .418 (81 of 194). He had a 26 game hitting streak, scored a school record 55 runs, had a co-high 63 RBI and had 11 home runs and 25 doubles. Chosen for the NIC All-Fraternity team, the All-Mideast Region first team and the PAC first team was pitcher Josh Tedesco, '09. He set a school mark with an 11-3 record, posted a 2.92 ERA and struck out 63 in 80 innings. Hurler Mark Brewer, '09, had a 5-3 record, two saves and 38 strikeouts while infielder Matt Stumpf, '09, hit .246 (14 of 57) with 16 RBI.

TRINE

Pitcher Adam Shiltz, '10, won All-MIAA first team honors after leading with a 4-3 record, 2.87 ERA, three saves and



Danny Pritz, Denison '11

59.2 innings pitched. The top lacrosse player was attack Kyle Mates, '10, co-leader in goals (21) and points (37).

TRUMAN STATE

Shortstop Neil Bleisch, '09, hit .325 (49 of 151) with 32 runs, 28 RBI, 12 steals and six homers. Earning All-MIAA mention was second baseman Luke Crader, '11, who hit .352 (25 of 71). Outfielder Kevin Zukaitis, '11, hit .287 (35 of 122) with 25 runs and 20 RBI while pitcher Andy Updike, '11, was in 13 games. Earning All-MIAA mention were tennis regulars Peter Bracha, '10 (19-7 in doubles) and Ben Rusk, '10 (11-8 in singles, 15-13 in doubles).

VALPARAISO

Jarrett Mickens, '11, placed seventh in the Horizon League

triple jump and had a best mark of 44'8". He also reached 21'6" in the long jump. Dustin Lawrence, '09, had the top outdoor 400 time and placed eighth in the javelin at the Horizon meet. Joel Mathwig, '10, had the squad's second best time in the 3,000 steeplechase and also ran the 800 and mile events.

WASHINGTON

Javelin thrower Zach Woods, '10, competed in the Pacific-10 Conference outdoor meet and had the squad's third-best throw (188'1").

WASHINGTON IN ST. LOUIS

Winning All-American honors while leading his team to the NCAA Division III tennis championship was John Watts, '10. As a singles player, he posted a 28-6 record and was 24-7 in doubles play. Also on the squad were Slavi Fildish, '10 (6-0 in singles) and Teddy White, '11 (6-1 in singles).

WASHINGTON & LEE

Baseball pitcher Nathaniel Adkins, '10, posted a 3-0 record and 4.50 ERA.

WESTMINSTER

Outfielder Donnie Womeldorff, '08, hit .333 (51 of 153) and led the 24-16 team with 10 homers and 44 RBI. Also on the squad were outfielder Rick DeBlasio, '11, third

sacker Pat Zehnder, '11, and pitchers Cory Baker, '09, Scott Carney, '08, Kyle Gruszecki, '09, and Andy Burlett, '11. Golfer Steven LaRue, '11, played six tournaments, including the PAC meet. Other athletes were sprinter Mike Cercone, '11, and tennis regular Mark Drabick, '10.

WPI

Co-captain Conor Fahey, '09, won All-NEWMAC second team honors after leading the pitchers in victories (8-2), ERA (4.06), strikeouts (51) and innings (68.2). Teammate Justin Deveau, '10, saw action at catcher.



Alex Horn, Denison '10

“Don’t let the fear of striking out hold you back.”

~ BABE RUTH

Oklahoma reaches 200-man milestone

By STEVE DORSEY, American '09

After years of perfecting their recruitment strategy, SigEp's Oklahoma chapter passed the 200-man milestone this year with a huge new member group. The feat solidifies the chapter's spot as SigEp's largest with 202 total active brothers posted in March, and they are the largest fraternity by 20 members, according to Chapter President Scott Sauer, '09.

The chapter posted 67 new recruits for the 2007-2008 academic year, and 63 of those became fully-initiated brothers. As the *Journal* goes to press, Oklahoma's manpower stands at 228 including recruits expected to register by early fall, up 26 since March. This pledging-model chapter cites their use of Balanced Man Program ideas and practices as essential to their success.

"The number one key is that we are open to the idea of the Balanced Man Program," Sauer said.

Implementing some pieces of the program, even as a pledging-model chapter, has been important for both recruitment and member development processes, he said. "There's a reason the Balanced Man Program has been so successful." Members use individual development components of the program and promote the chapter as large and diverse.

The benefits of big

A 200-man chapter can be daunting, Sauer said, but they make every effort to line up chapter members who mentor possible re-

cruits, directing the experience down to a more personal level, even before they join. "We hope they understand that, even though it is a big class, they are going to be developed as individuals, and have a chance to make a difference in the house."

"We don't have some formula for it. We think the most important part [of recruitment] is getting to know the guys," Vice President of Recruitment **Andy Dark, '10**, said.

A large, diverse chapter is one of their major selling points for potential members, according to Sauer. He said pairing current members with recruits allows them to see a place for themselves in the chapter, even as large and intimidating as it may seem, and allows these pairs to "click" during recruitment.

Two hundred men can seem overwhelming for a chapter roster, but Dark said it's all about ensuring the entire membership is properly managed. He added that the benefits of a chapter this size can infuse even more momentum into the chapter. "A ton of guys with a lot of energy are waiting to help you," he said.

The chapter recruits not only for itself, but the entire Greek system, encouraging potential members to engage themselves in the broader Greek

community and experience it as a whole even if they don't see a fit with SigEp, according to Sauer.

The university has about 25,000 students with about 25 percent active in the Greek system. Getting to know potential members during recruitment can be difficult, but members concentrate on making personal and thorough connections with recruits.

Recruitment for the chapter starts early in the summer and ends up with a usually-large pledge class in the fall. Members send out about 400 letters to local incoming Oklahoma freshmen with an invitation to a summer barbeque. They then spread outward to surrounding areas like Tulsa and Texas to get more incoming freshmen males interested in SigEp.

Getting recruitment right

Director of Chapter Services-East **Chad North, Bucknell '06**, says Oklahoma has been doing all the right things for recruitment. North said early recruitment strategies and creating an experience everyone can buy into are essential to a high-performing chapter.

Setting high standards for new recruits and current chapter brothers is another way to strengthen the chapter as a whole, he said. "I think you'll find larger chapters have higher GPAs. They know what they want, so they have high standards."

Oklahoma Beta doesn't take that lightly. Sauer and Dark both said that even though they have large recruitment numbers, they don't compromise the quality of those new members.

The chapter's spring GPA was 3.16, and they have had the highest fraternity GPA for three of the four semesters, according to Dark.



The chapter house is undergoing landscape renovations in preparation for fall recruitment. With over 200 yard workers to trim and mow, the place will look mighty spiffy by September.

The Pledge Class 2007 volunteers did their share of campus clean-up at Oklahoma's annual "Rake It Up" event.



Oklahoma awarded the chapter its President's Cup for the second year in a row, a testament to the chapter's excellence over time.

Members hold new members accountable for high standards, according to Sauer.

"Whenever you are recruiting, you want to avoid those guys who want SigEp to make them somebody," Sauer said. "Not everyone has to be a leader, but they should have the individual characteristics to make them a leader."

Dark also said that the chapter has a supportive alumni board, and strong volunteer base to help in the recruitment process. "It all comes down to having committed and driven volunteers working with the chapter," according to North.

Dealing with recruitment challenges

Dark's advice to SigEp chapters that are having trouble with recruitment: "Meet as many guys as possible, decide who you want to sign as early as possible, and from there, try to keep in contact with them." Dark also encourages struggling chapters to find one of the many free local events they could use as recruitment events if they are short on money. "It's also important to get away from the fraternity stereotypes," according to Sauer, "you have to look for guys open to diversity." With over 200 men, Oklahoma can certainly offer that.

How can you know over 200 brothers?

No sweat, says Sauer. There's no slack in brotherhood, in fact it only gets better, he said. No one gets left behind or left out, be-



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Scott Sauer '09
Chapter President



From left: Chapter President Scott Sauer, '09, Vice President of Programming John Lukeman, '10, Vice President of Philanthropy Jacob Peregrin, '09, and (far right) Chapter Advisor Mike Beckham, '02, accept the President's Trophy award from (second from right) Oklahoma President David Boren for the second consecutive year.

cause of so many opportunities to get involved with each other. They have the resources to be very intentional about it—and to field killer intramural teams. "We have an extra vice president of member development who just works with upperclassman development and programs," Sauer explained.

Sauer thinks "being a large chapter creates more opportunities for bonding to happen naturally. With so many guys and activities to choose from, everyone's involved and everyone knows each other." Meal times are also a

huge factor. "Having space in the house helps tremendously. And out-of-house guys eat at the house."

"Good actions give strength to ourselves and inspire good actions in others."

~ PLATO

Top 30 chapters in manpower 2007-2008

1 Oklahoma	202
2 Illinois	183
3 Texas - Austin	171
4 Florida	140
5 Purdue	138
6 San Diego State	138
7 Texas Christian	133
8 Miami (Ohio)	127
9 Mississippi	127
10 Auburn	122
11 Nebraska	119
12 Central Arkansas	117
13 Illinois State	116
14 Georgia	115
15 Loyola Marymount	114
16 South Carolina	111
17 Missouri State	110
18 Cal Poly-SLO	108
19 Colorado	106
20 Virginia Tech	106
21 California-Santa Barbara	105
22 Wisconsin	103
23 Dartmouth	102
24 Kansas	102
25 Northwestern	102
26 Tennessee	101
27 Ohio State	100
28 Pennsylvania State	98
29 Louisiana State	95
30 Michigan	95

Chapter News

SigEp raises \$70,000 in cash and goods for San Diego's Philanthropy Week

By NABEIL HAZU, San Diego '10

The University of San Diego Chapter has raised the standard for philanthropic contributions once again. Last spring they sponsored the university's Philanthropy Week, an annual event hosted by the Greek community. SigEp's winning proposal to the Pan-Hellenic Council included a commitment to record-setting contributions, and the chapter made good on that commitment when it delivered a check for \$41,840 to the TAKE Defense Program, one of SigEp's national service partners, and donated 404 dresses to Glamour Girls valued at over \$22,000. Glamour Girls is a San Diego-based organization that provides prom dresses to high school girls who could not otherwise afford them; \$8,000 worth of health and beauty products were also provided to the organization.

Brothers David Hurt, '10, and Matt Martinez, '08, organized most of the week's programming, which included a fashion show, song and dance competition, and a speaker on self-defense. While SigEp sponsored the event, San Diego's Greek Life Office staffers were dedicated partners in the activities, proving the considerable value of engaging university support.



Chapter members and University of San Diego Trustee Donna M. Shirley, celebrate after setting a new record for contributions raised during Philanthropy Week.

Donation for brain tumor research in honor of East Carolina brother

East Carolina proudly forwarded a check for \$6,500 to the American Brain Tumor Association (ABTA) in honor of Brother Tom Bolick, '08, who lost his battle with brain cancer in 2006. He was diagnosed during his first semester and passed away at age 20.

Three years ago the chapter held its first fundraiser called Summit Up, an annual benefit held in memory of Bolick. Named after the chapter's street address, the music event caps off a week of brain tumor awareness with several bands to entertain the entire

Greek community and other students. Sponsorships and donations cover the event costs and contribution to the ABTA. Event organizer Matthew Carlough, '08, was able to dramatically increase

contributions by pounding the pavement for sponsors. Carlough and Bolick were featured in the *Journal* together in Summer/Fall 2005 when Bolick's tumor was first discovered.



Right: Carlough (left) and Bolick in 2005 soon after the cancer diagnosis.

East Carolina brothers proudly display the ceremonial check for \$6,500 they presented to the American Brain Tumor Association. The money was raised in honor of an undergraduate who recently succumbed to brain cancer.



Students get buzz cuts for cancer research

SigEp's Drexel Chapter joined other students from the University, neighboring SigEp chapters and five Philadelphia rock bands to host their second annual St. Baldrick's Foundation philanthropy event in

March by shaving their heads in solidarity with children who have cancer and typically lose their hair during treatment.

The event, held at Drexel's Mandell Theatre, brought in over \$19,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation to benefit childhood cancer research. Fifty-five volunteers shaved their heads and

raised funds for the foundation. Volunteers included SigEp brothers from Drexel and West Chester, two women studying at Drexel, men of other fraternities, and a five-year-old brother of one of the Fraternity members. In only two years, the chapter has raised over \$33,000 for the foundation, and hopes to continue hosting this event in the future.

Pictured, Pat Graham, West Chester '11, volunteered to sacrifice his considerable afro to his high school friend and temporary barber Zach Wolf, Drexel '11.

Fellow Challenge will help save lives



Chapter President Michael Oettinger, '08, (left) and Former President Jesus Contreras, '08, accepted the Presidential Greek Vision Award for their proposed Fellow Challenge to teach 5,000 people CPR next February. They received the award at Colorado State's Greek Night Out Awards in April.

Colorado State's first Fellow Challenge is to complete a dramatic and lasting community involvement project that entails over 500 hours of planning and development. Brian Walker, Colorado State '10, is organizing the chapter to perform a month-long community service event. The goal? Teach 5,000 people cardiopulmonary resuscitation for free in February of 2009.

The challenge guidelines state, "This challenge must be accepted with an element of self-sacrifice and a true spirit of unselfish service to others." Walker and his brothers hope to make a life-saving difference in the Fort Collins, Colo., community.

The chapter was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the university during the Greek Night Out Awards Ceremony in April. The project will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The chapter plans to raise additional money by partnering with the Poudre Valley Hospital System, the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association. Chapter volunteers will also reach out to the student government funding board, the university wellness center, local businesses and alumni. Read more about the Fellow Challenge at www.sigep.org/memdev/fellows.asp.

Delaware reaches centennial mark

By **DAVID DIVIRGILIO**, Delaware '09

Last year the Delaware Alpha chapter celebrated 100 years of history on the Delaware campus. The centennial anniversary marks just one of many achievements for this chapter.

Nationally, the chapter earned a Buchanan Cup, Manpower Excellence award, and Frank J. Ruck Leadership award. **Bryan Baker**, '08, won the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior award. The chapter posted the highest semester GPA for a fraternity ever recorded at the University of Delaware (3.23) while also maintaining its #1 ranking on campus in manpower with 90 brothers. The chapter won Delaware's Chapter of the Year award three years in a row and placed first in the campus' Greek Week competitions for the past two years. The chapter also started a philanthropy dance marathon, UDance, which has raised over \$25,000 for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in its first two years.

The biggest chapter news is a new house on campus. The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation has been working with the university to establish a SigEp chapter house. This fall, thirteen brothers and one residential scholar are slated to move in. Alumni memorabilia will adorn the walls of the new house, including chapter composite photos dating back to 1958 and the original 1907 charter.

With these accomplishments, alumni involvement is spiking. At this year's alumni golf tournament, brothers came from as far away as San Francisco.

Recent awards and increasing alumni involvement are two indications of the chapter's strength. While the centennial marks the last 100 years of SigEp tradition at Delaware, brothers look forward to 100 more years of fraternal excellence.



Oregon football stars (from left) Jerome Boyd, John Bacon, Oregon, '09, and Pat Chung served as judges for the second annual Red Door Film Festival.

Oregon's Red Door Film Festival is a hit for YouthAIDS

The second Red Door Film Festival at the University of Oregon raised \$1,300 for YouthAIDS. The festival involves all of Greek life at the university and produces big hits by asking each fraternity and sorority to submit its own short movie. The crowd of nearly 300 viewed 15 student movies and voted on the best sorority and fraternity films. The grand prize was awarded to Alpha Phi for their film, *I have an addiction*. The judges were made up of a specially appointed panel, which included Oregon football stars Jonathon Stewart, Patrick Chung, Jerome Boyd, and Oregon Beta's own John Bacon, '09. YouthAIDS, one of SigEp's national service partners, is aimed at providing research and education to find a cure and stop the spread of AIDS in children. Oregon plans to build upon the success of the film festival for next year and beyond.

Oxford odyssey calls for cultural sensitivity

By **TYLER LONDON**
Tufts '09

When I left to study mathematics at Oxford University last semester, I didn't know what to expect. England may not be as exotic as Madrid or Hong Kong, where some of my brothers studied, but my reactions to the new surroundings were quite similar. By using what I learned through SigEp—social skills, active community engagement and the value of individuality—I was able to acclimate quickly to the different

cultures to make the most of my study abroad experience.

My methods were to join my college soccer team (or, if I am to be properly English about it, football team), attempt cricket and compete on a darts team. Through my studies and these extracurricular activities, I was able to establish a close-knit group of friends, which made my time in Oxford all the more rewarding.

Unfortunately, that experience was not common among all the

visiting students at Oxford. At a free drinks event for the visiting students to meet tutors and college fellows, one incident stands out from that night. After a few glasses of wine, a couple of students "accidentally" picked up a proper British accent. When you are talking to people from different areas, you occasionally mimic the way they talk. But full-blown tea-and-crumpets accents after only two weeks? Others noticed, as several of the tutors looked puzzled and

quickly lost interest. I've heard similar stories from my brothers who've seen students try to superficially adopt all aspects of their new surroundings. By joining clubs and actually getting to know my new environment, I think I was able to get much more out of my experience than I expected.

Reflecting back, I believe the skills we learn through SigEp are useful not only for making us outstanding leaders at our universities. These skills are



Tyler London, Tufts '09, on campus at Oxford this summer. London thinks his SigEp experience prepared him to fit in quickly.

invaluable when we are thrown into new environments and foreign cultures. It seemed daunting to establish my reputation

from scratch with little support, but by taking what I learned through our Fraternity, the task was much easier and more rewarding.

**SigEp has 20
centennial chapters**



The new Delaware Chapter House welcomes members for the fall '08 semester.

Below: On a trip to national Headquarters to mark their centennial, Delaware members each put their foot down right on top of their chapter tile gracing the front porch of Zollinger House.



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Taking the cultural plunge: SigEp studies in Spain

By **STEVE DORSEY**, American '09

In Spain, shopkeepers display giant hocks of ham in store windows as if they are new cars—and the best ones cost almost the same. I see my dollars evaporate when I convert them to euros.

These realities confront me as I leave D.C. and travel three thousand miles away to become fluent in a language I still haven't mastered after seven years of study.

These cultural quirks and this sense of deserting my chapter for a semester are similar to experiences of other SigEps



The whimsically-designed La Sagrada Família cathedral in Barcelona has been under construction for more than 100 years and is not expected to be completed until at least 2020.



who study in countries across the world.

SigEp estimates that about 500 undergraduate members study abroad each year, and about 80 percent of chapters see at least one member take the cultural plunge, according to an analysis the Fraternity completed last fall.

More SigEps study abroad each year because, beyond academics, they want to learn about life and the world, and how to be a world leader—as trite as that might seem. Living and learning abroad goes well beyond the usual college experience. For example you need to look where you are headed; otherwise, you might stumble onto a pack of partying prostitutes as I

accidentally did on the wrong side of a Barcelona street.

On a more serious note, this experience enables one to practice the same principles used in SigEp every day—like making friends with people (who obviously don't speak the same language), or leaping into experiences with confidence and working through the cultural challenges. The payoff? Thriving in a completely unfamiliar place.

Above all, studying and living here has taught me that there is no single meaning of “balance.” Balance varies for each person and in each culture. Spending more time relaxing and enjoying life, while mixing in a good dose of work,

seems to be the perfect Spanish balance. I think I'll start the new “American siesta” trend back in the States.

A big hurdle for me and many other

SigEps abroad will be coming back home and readjusting to chapter, to school, to life. My chapter made efforts not to forget about me by inviting me to weekly meetings via Skype and posting new member updates for our brothers abroad. All chapter leaders should make an effort to keep these traveling brothers connected and then leverage their experiences for the good of the whole chapter.

Hopefully more brothers will take the plunge to immerse themselves in a different culture, so they can learn a little about the rest of the world and to really understand what it means to be a “Balanced Leader for the World's Communities.”



Top: One of the many food stalls in Barcelona's Boqueria food market.

Center: Steve Dorsey, American '09, enjoys a Sahara desert sunset by the small Moroccan town of Merzouga, close to the Algerian border.

Bottom: Workers cleaning and dyeing leather and animal hides in Fez, Morocco.



One hundred years at Arkansas

By JONATHAN LEONARD, Arkansas '05

The Arkansas Alpha Chapter at Arkansas celebrated its centennial at the Fayetteville Town Center. The event included dinner, a silent auction, and several prominent speakers.

John H. Stanley Jr., '64, former district governor, former national board of directors member and one of the chapter's two Order of the Golden Heart recipients gave a history of the chapter. Stanley has supported Arkansas Alpha through almost half of its hundred-year existence.

Alumni Board President **Drew Speed, '81**, recognized volunteers and presented Centennial Awards to Stanley, **Terry Rasco, '71**, and **Phillip McKnight, '81**, for their dedication to the chapter.

Grand President Stephen B. Shanklin spoke at the event and said a fraternity provides something a university cannot: family. Fraternity brothers become friends who can count on each other for the rest of their lives, Shanklin said.

Other events during the weekend included a luncheon for former chapter officers, a golf tournament and a Razorback baseball game. The successful weekend celebration marked the renewal of a long-lost Arkansas Alpha tradition, Founder's Day. Once a year alumni can come home again to share memories, create new ones and reconnect with the chapter that helped shape their lives.

Grand President Stephen B. Shanklin spoke at the event and said a fraternity provides something a university cannot: family.



Top: A temporary Arkansas Chapter House will undergo renovations in the fall.

Above: Grand President Shanklin, Murray State '70, (second from left) was on hand as long time volunteers (left to right) Phillip McKnight, Terry Rasco and John Stanley Jr., were honored at Arkansas Alpha's centennial celebration.

Arkansas Alpha was founded at the Fayetteville campus in 1907. Members will live in temporary housing starting in the fall until a new house has been built on property at 10 Stadium Drive on Arkansas's Fraternity Row.

"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."

~ PERICLES



Barton brothers celebrate a Greek Week win with fellow sorority winners Sigma Sigma Sigma.

SigEp celebrates 50 years at Barton College

In April, Barton's North Carolina Iota Chapter celebrated its 50th year on campus, starting with Barton College's annual Greek Show Competition. SigEp won with their great performance of "The Wizard of Epsilon," followed by a celebration with the undergraduates and alumni.

The next morning started off with a celebration breakfast and continued with a ritual ceremony run by President **Paul Calcagno, '09**, Vice President of Programming **Frederick Massimi III, '09**, and Chaplain **Cody Morrison, '08**. More than 80 alumni attended the meeting.

The chapter hosted a backyard pig picking, a basketball and horse shoe competition, and tours of the campus during the

afternoon break. The weekend celebration highlight was a 50th Founders Day Dinner at the Bill Ellis Convention Center in Wilson, N.C. More than 150 alumni attended, and the chapter raised over \$25,000 for expenses and donations to YouthAIDS, one of SigEp's national service learning partners. During the year, Barton has received numerous awards including Manpower, Greek Man of the Year, Homecoming King, Greek Games Champions, Greek Week Champions, Highest GPA Greek member (**Joseph Hamer, '08**, 3.96), Recruitment, and Most Improved Chapter.

Our Very Own Frat Boys

Chapters that do not live up to the ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon bring dishonor and disgrace to our name. The Journal reports these stories to inform its readers and to show that actions have consequences.

NORTH CAROLINA XI, APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Reason for Intervention: Hazing

Action: Alumni Advisory Council

The national Fraternity received a call from a parent reporting hazing activity at the North Carolina Xi chapter in April 2008. New members were reportedly subjected to activities such as sleep deprivation, being denied access to their normal residence, and pressured to consume strange drink concoctions if they did not complete certain tasks. The chapter was directed

by the national Fraternity to cease all new member development activities, and new members were initiated immediately into the chapter.

At the May 2008 board meeting, the National Board authorized the formation of an Alumni Advisory Council to sort out which members were committed to making significant changes and building a successful chapter at Appalachian State. This process began in early fall as the Council helps the chapter strive to eliminate all hazing and rebuild a strong, vibrant chapter on their campus.

Chapter Spotlight

In this issue,
we introduce

Chapter Spotlight. We will focus on a high performing chapter emphasizing how they achieved their success. The intent? Pass along best practices to other chapters, so they can boost their own performance. We start with San Diego State, which achieved two major accomplishments this past semester: breaking into the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse and becoming the intramural champions on campus. How did they land this one-two punch to be role models for Sound Mind and Sound Body? Read on!

San Diego State scores big in spring semester

Journal: What planning or goal setting contributed to your academic success?

Chapter President Kevin Longueay, '08: We set incentives for those who succeed academically. We have a Platinum Heart Scholarship which is a \$100 stipend towards dues for those members who receive a 3.5 GPA or higher. We also display a plaque in our chapter house with the names of those members who have achieved a 3.5 GPA or above. We help our members succeed academically by requiring members who don't reach a 3.15 GPA to attend study hours, and if necessary, we require progress reports. Finally, it comes down to recruiting the right people. We only recruit members of the utmost quality who already show signs of living the Balanced Man lifestyle, who strive to get good grades and who do whatever they can to succeed.

For chapters trying to break into the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, what should they focus on?

KL: Focus on setting hard but obtainable goals. In spring 2005, our GPA was around 2.6. Once we were at the 3.0 range, which never seemed possible, we set an even more difficult goal of obtaining the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse.

Set long-term goals and short-term goals that are within reach. Then use these as building blocks to constantly take your chapter to the next level. And don't just talk, take action. Set GPA standards. Beyond study hours, members who receive below 2.6 are put on social probation, and if their GPA is below 2.4, their membership is suspended.

How will you sustain your academic focus?

KL: This is going to be our biggest challenge. It comes down to the advice that our past leaders have given us: continue to set higher goals. If you don't you will end up with complacency and that is not what SigEp is about. You can never stop stressing the importance of academics. If academics are constantly in the spotlight, then every individual member shares that focus, and everyone continues to strive academically.

What strengths led to your intramurals win?

KL: Our sports chair maintained good organization of our sports teams. He held several practices, and we promoted every game to get a big, supportive crowd to help raise the team morale. Recruiting men who excel in sports in

Louisiana State steps up at leadership conference

By **SETH IRBY**, Louisiana State '11

SigEp's Louisiana State chapter played a key role in the seventh annual EMPOWER leadership retreat on its campus in February. Every year, about 25 older leaders in the Greek community spend the weekend teaching leadership skills to younger members of sororities and fraternities.

Zach Barilleau, '10, served as the executive director of EMPOWER this year. He was in charge of everything from

buying food to finding guest speakers. **Brad Golson, '05**, former student body president, served as the key-note speaker. "Participants could relate to Golson because he spoke about how his Greek experience contributed to his development as a leader," Barilleau said.

Chapter President Patrick Laborde, '09, served as a facilitator for the weekend with a focus on finding the younger members'

strengths. By the end of the retreat, facilitators were able to suggest certain offices each participant should pursue. "I gave up my weekend to make an investment. It's rewarding to take the things you have been given and give them back," Laborde said.

EMPOWER showed the positive image Greeks strive to achieve and how much SigEp is a part of the success of that image.



Brad Golson, '05, former Louisiana State student body president, speaks to participants about how to inspire the members in their organization, a key leadership skill.

Class is in session... and in the house!

This fall, the Maryland chapter will meet two afternoons a week for **EDCP318S – Values Based Leadership**, in their chapter house with their brothers. Two years ago Chapter Counselor **Gene Schurg, Davis and Elkins '77**, learned that other SigEp chapters offered classes in leadership, and he explored ways to partner with Maryland to provide similar training. Schurg and Chapter President **Chris Sherlock, Maryland '09**, enlisted **Mike Hayes, Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life**, to help. Hayes seized the idea and was so excited about the opportunity that he volunteered to teach the first class himself.

Eventually, the chapter hopes to offer a minor in leadership for members and give students practical leadership experience by leading a service learning project. This opportunity allows SigEp to support the mission of the university while offering another program that no other fraternity on campus offers.

high school and pride themselves on being athletes is also a key factor.

What should other chapters focus on to become intramural champs?

KL: Appoint someone to sports chair who knows the importance of having a team and not just players on a team. He shouldn't play favorites. The best players should play the game, regardless of age and status in the chapter. It also comes back to recruitment. If you want to win intramurals, you need to recruit those members who are athletic.

What role have volunteers played in pushing San Diego State to the next level?

KL: Our Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Board is constantly pushing us to the next level. Once we reached a goal we never thought we would be able to do, they set a higher one for us to accomplish. (See *Five keys to chapter success from San Diego State on page 28.*)

What was really different about your efforts this semester?

KL: Recruiting the absolute best. Our new member GPA was an impressive 3.27 which helped raise our chapter GPA. It's really two things; we strived to recruit the best, and also expected the most out of the members of our chapter.



San Diego State's winning intramural basketball team takes every game seriously. Above, they celebrate victory over tough opponent Phi Kappa Theta, which clinched the championship.

Right: San Diego State makes a public commitment to member GPAs. Those who achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher have their names on a prominently displayed plaque in the chapter house.

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Chris Caranahan 4.00
 Pablo Rojas 4.00
 Alex Wenzel 3.93
 Stephen Hamilton 3.88
 Michael Nader 3.88
 Spencer Tracy 3.88
 Jonathan Tucker 3.88
 Thomas Flinn 3.84
 Jason P... 3.75
 Nicholas F... 3.74
 Timothy Johnson 3.74
 Matthew Rodriguez IV 3.74
 David Triss 3.71
 Grant Mack 3.70
 Owen Hagstrom 3.60
 Matthew McDonald 3.60
 Daniel White 3.60
 Mark Schuler 3.57
 Adam Canfield 3.54
 Austin Hopper 3.53
 Christopher Marpe 3.51
 Daniel Ahern 3.50
 Gregory Clark 3.50
 Adam Friedman 3.50
 Neil Spencer 3.50



San Diego State's soccer team strategizes on the field before taking over at the AXO Soccer Philanthropy game in spring 2008.

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Northwestern's Fox is 2008 National Wrestling Champion

By **BRIAN SHAWN**, North Dakota '02

Dustin Fox, Northwestern '08, had quite a finish to his collegiate wrestling career. After earning All-American status as a junior, Fox won the Division I Wrestling Championship in the Heavyweight Division.

However, the title did not come easy. "I was undefeated until losing to the kid from Wisconsin late in the season," Fox said. "I decided I was not going to lose anymore, and I man-handled him in the Big Ten Championships."

Fox may be a heavyweight, but he takes pride in his conditioning. "I am not a guy that goes right for the pin," Fox added. "I like to wrestle all seven minutes and out-



work my opponent. Obviously it paid off."

At the national tournament, Fox's toughest match was in the quarterfinals against Bubba Gritter from Oklahoma State. But there's no doubt the championship was most memorable. "It was nationally televised, packed with people, and everything that could have gone wrong did," Fox said. "I broke my nose thirty seconds into

the match and I was bleeding the whole time, but everything worked out in the end."

Fox joined SigEp and was one of the few varsity athletes on campus who lived in the chapter facility. His coaches were concerned about the potential distraction of his living arrangements, but Fox says it was a great environment to be in. "Everyone was very respectful in the house," He added, "It was a great experience, and I wouldn't change it."

Having a varsity athlete helped recruiting for Illinois Lambda as well. "I was introduced to a lot of potential new guys as 'our wrestler,'" Fox said. "By getting involved in the Fraternity, I met a lot of excellent people that I never



Dustin Fox, Northwestern '08, took on J.D. Bergman in the NCAA finals. Fox prevailed despite a broken nose.

would have met."

Fox is a film major and will graduate in December. "I am excited for what the future holds," he said.



Mentors matter

The legacy of our volunteers

Mentoring is a vital investment made by hundreds of SigEp volunteers. Read on to find out more about opportunities to contribute and our volunteers' perspective on what it means to give back to our undergraduates.

By **GARY L. HUFF**, Central Arkansas '91
Director of Volunteers

"If a boy does not have a community of men, then he is likely to look elsewhere for his role models. He may look to the media, where he will encounter a blizzard of images of men like Eminem and Akon and 50 Cent—all of whom make their money by writing songs that are degrading to women. He may look to peers, to boys his own age. The results of teenage boys looking to other teenage boys for guidance are often confused and self-destructive. Teenage boys are seldom competent to guide one another to manhood. That's what men are for."

This strong testament to the crucial need for men to mentor younger men comes from the book *Boys Adrift: The five factors driving the growing epidemic of unmotivated boys and underachieving young men* by Dr. Leonard Sax, and reminds us of the work we have to do.

Mentoring: the backbone of a community of men

The role of fraternal mentor is similar to that of a scout leader, a Sunday school teacher, or a coach. Yet our responsibilities are often more complex. Our mentors help young men discover the importance of holding one another accountable (chapter standards), properly managing finances (collecting dues, preparing budgets), taking personal responsibility (risk management) and selling themselves (recruitment). Most importantly, we help them understand the values we have promised to share, those of Virtue, Diligence and Brotherly Love.

Volunteers often see it as their role to make sure the chapter's property is not destroyed and risk management policies are followed. While these are important tasks, they pale in comparison to the opportunity volunteers have to mentor undergraduate brothers towards living their best life. Our volunteers can be extremely influential during the last formative years of a young man's life.

Life is local

Since joining staff, I have heard many volunteers ask "What is Headquarters doing for my chapter to make it great?" The answer: we are helping to connect you with a chapter that wants and needs you. Fundamentally, the fraternity experience is local. You can find countless examples of great chapters built by great volunteers. These volunteers get to know the undergraduates and spend time with the chapter. They regularly attend chapter meetings. They have learned recruitment techniques and discussed them with the undergraduates. They understand the importance of academic success and focus on strategic plans and

tactics to improve the chapter GPA one member at a time.

Cultivating personal growth

Leadership programming offered through national Headquarters is a way to plant vital seeds for personal growth, but those seeds must be cultivated once members return to their campus. Volunteers will help this leadership education take root.

Volunteers can get personally involved with undergraduates by sharing in their hopes and dreams and helping them chart a path to realize their goals. We know that brotherhood means more than being a friend; that brotherly love creates a deep well of support and source of personal growth over a lifetime.

Freshen your perspective

Past Grand President and Order of the Golden Heart recipient **John Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61**, is amazing. He was elected Grand President in 1977 and yet he



Gary Bunn, Central Arkansas '88, uses bowling as a basis for relationship building at the 2008 Ruck Leadership Institute. Cameron Hoffmeyer, Memphis '10, strategizes with Bunn on the next throw.

always seems so young! Seeing him interact with the undergraduates is inspiring. Serving as a SigEp volunteer connects you to your youth as you interact with today's college students about the issues and trends facing them. This kind of "reverse mentoring" is one of the latest trends in helping leaders keep current and relevant in their own roles.

In 1978, National Lampoon released *Animal House*. Inspired by Douglas Kenney's days as an undergraduate member of Alpha Delta Phi at Dartmouth College, *Animal House* has improperly defined what fraternity life is like for far too long. The result? College fraternities are struggling to remain relevant on campus, and students are turning away from Greek life. Volunteers today are helping restore the relevance of fraternities to the college campus. By mentoring our undergraduates to succeed, our volunteers are keeping SigEp relevant.

Take a step

In Grand President Shanklin's address to the Grand Chapter, he spoke of "giants" and "wells dug by others." SigEp visionaries and giants **Frank Ruck, Michigan '46**, and **Dr. U.G. Dubach, Oregon State '13**, deepened their commitment as volunteers. Are you the next Frank Ruck or Dr. Dubach? We continue to reap the benefits of these great contributors to SigEp's legacy. And you can add to that legacy in any number of ways.

Your Fraternity needs you! Volunteering for SigEp is a way to keep your SigEp experience fresh. While you may live far from your home chapter, look to the chapter near you. Chances are, they will welcome your help. Many chapters have five or fewer volunteers (for a list see www.sigep.org/volunteering). See the chart on page 25 for a brief description of

volunteer opportunities. Consider one that fits your skills and availability.

SigEp alumni can be unfamiliar with today's student environment, so the National Volunteer Committee has launched a series of online training sessions at www.sigep.org/volunteering/training.asp. These brief overviews are a great way to see how chapters can use your help. SigEp has recruited 100 seasoned volunteers to provide training to local volunteers. These in-depth sessions will speed the learning curve and address local chapter issues, so volunteers can start to contribute quickly and effectively. (See page 28 for San Diego State's five keys to chapter success.)

To join the ranks of SigEp volunteers, please contact your district governor. He will help align your skills with the volunteer needs of the chapters in his district. Need a little more inspiration? Read the following profiles about some of our notable volunteers. You'll instantly see that they get back a great deal more than they give.





“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.

~ RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Above: John Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61, was recognized with an impromptu standing ovation at the Ruck Leadership Institute when Marcus Robinson, Dayton '99, tells the crowd that he has donated to SigEp for 39 years in a row.

Left: Chris Bagi, Dayton '05, facilitates the Leadership Challenge session at a 2008 EDGE new member program in Oregonia, Ohio.

For a list of chapters in need of volunteers, go to www.sipep.org and click on the "alumni and volunteer" tab.

YES, WE NEED YOU

Volunteer opportunities at your local SigEp chapter

ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEER CORPORATION POSITION	RESPONSIBILITIES	SKILLS	TIME
President	• Preside at meetings • Mentor Chapter President • Communicate with chapter, college, and SigEp Headquarters	• Leadership • Vision • Organization • Communication	2 – 3 hours weekly (minimum)
Vice President of Housing	• Ensure the chapter facility is properly maintained • Maintain proper insurance levels • Plan for future housing improvements • Mentor House Manager • Manage chapter move in/out	• Property Management • Accounting/Budgeting • Finance • Maintenance	2 hours weekly plus additional time commitment during move in/out or special projects
Vice President of Financial Operations (Treasurer)	• Ensure AVC & chapter financial stability • Conduct yearly audit of AVC & Chapter • Budget • Mentor chapter VP of Finance	• Finance • Accounting • Budgeting	3 hours weekly
Secretary	• Maintain AVC minutes • Coordinate alumni newsletter • Mentor Chapter Secretary	• Writing skills • Organization skills	1 hour weekly
Chapter Counselor (Appointed by District Governor)	• Work with chapter leaders on programming, chapter assessment, goal setting	• Understanding of SigEp today • Counseling • Patience	5 hours weekly
Balanced Man Steward/Member Development Mentor	• Mentor the development of the chapter as a whole and oversee continuous member development	• Understanding of SigEp today • Counseling • Patience • Willingness to learn student development	1.5 hours weekly
Vice President of Alumni Relations	• Oversee AVC recruitment • Ensure communication with alumni through regular newsletters • Schedule alumni events • Mentor chapter VP of Communications	• Writing • Sales • Communications	2 hours weekly
Committee Chair/Member	• Serve on a committee (such as planning homecoming or a reunion)	• Planning • Writing • Sales	2 – 3 hours monthly

Chabot prioritizes volunteering, growth and service

By **RICHARD HIGHAM-KESSLER**, Emory '09

Paul Chabot, Cal State-San Bernardino '97, has a résumé that already contains a lifetime's worth of achievements: founding father and president of California Upsilon, chapter counselor, co-founder of SigEp's EDGE program, program director in the Department of Justice, advisor in the Office of Inspector General, Los Angeles police officer, professional speaker, father and husband. This January, however, Chabot received news that he would have to drop all of his pursuits; the Naval Reserve had called him to active duty as a Lieutenant Naval Intelligence Officer for a year in Iraq.

In addition to leaving his family and job behind, Chabot also had to leave his brothers behind. Not only the brothers with whom he bonded as an undergraduate and those he met as chapter counselor at George Washington, but also his fellow founding father and blood brother, **Andrew Chabot**, Cal State-San Bernardino '98.

"We not only grew up as kids together, but as Fraternity brothers. When we get together, it's always with our other brothers, those of Sigma Phi Epsilon. There's nothing better than being a part of a great big family that has endured ten-plus years since graduation," said Chabot.

Before departing for Iraq, Chabot also served as district governor in California and worked on the California State Parole Board. When asked how he manages to find time to volunteer for SigEp in addition to all his other responsibilities, he responded that, for him, it's just a matter of priorities.

"I remember talking to a difficult brother who attended all the parties but rarely attended chapter meetings," said Chabot. "I asked him why, and he simply told me, 'Paul, I make time for things that are important to me.'" Chabot made a different choice. "Life is about choices. I simply make time for things that are important to me."

In addition to filling national volunteer roles, Chabot has spoken to over 100 SigEp chapters on leadership, risk management, substance abuse, and community service. In doing so, he has found ways to share his life's passions with his brothers. "Much like finding



Paul Chabot, long-time volunteer from California, will now answer another call to duty. He's headed for Iraq as a Naval Intelligence Officer.

"Life is about choices. I simply make time for things that are important to me."

~ PAUL CHABOT

a job you love, you must love what you do as a volunteer," said Brother Chabot. "[Volunteers should] take risks, try different approaches and find a role that works for them. If one doesn't exist, then [they should] create it."

As Chabot continues to move about the country following his passions, he recommends recruiting and mentoring a replacement. "Let's face it," said Chabot. "You won't be in a volunteer role forever, nor should you. Life is about growing and building." After all, while Brother Chabot would have liked to stay in California to work with his brothers, the United States Armed Forces gave him his latest opportunity for growth.



Chabot has been volunteering since his early days as a SigEp. Above, he shares his experience at an EDGE new member program in 2003.



North Dakota volunteer values personal investment

By **MICHAEL D. MCDOWELL**, Nevada-Reno '03

Andy Solsvig, North Dakota '00, is one of SigEp's most valuable volunteers. A founding member of Gold Buchanan Cup-winning North Dakota, Solsvig brought his dedication to excellence to the Nevada Alpha chapter in 2000, first as chapter counselor and now as Alumni and Volunteer Corporation president. His impact was impressive—in 2003, he helped bring Nevada Alpha its first Buchanan Cup, a moment he notes as one of his most rewarding because of his pride in the chapter's hard work and commitment.

But reaching goals together is only one reason Solsvig volunteers with SigEp. Volunteering has afforded him meaningful friendships as well as opportunities to participate in Leadership Continuum events such as EDGE, Carlson Leadership Academies and Conclave. Solsvig was one of the first to participate in EDGE (then called New Member Camp), and has been involved in 20 EDGES, an opportunity for which he thanks District Governor **Mitch Crane, West Chester Renaissance**.

Solsvig may be one of SigEp's super-volunteers, but he encourages all alumni to get involved in volunteering with the Fraternity at any level of engagement. "Go check it out first, and get a feel for what it's like," he said. "You don't need to make a full-time commitment until you're ready."

By developing others, you develop yourself

Although he gives so much by volunteering, he receives just as much in return. Solsvig enjoys the benefit of playing the dual role of

"There is always an adventure when spending time with brothers. SigEps like to have fun while adding meaning."

~ ANDY SOLSVIG

both leader and follower, because the volunteering environment helps remind him to focus on his own goals and self-improvement. Still, his primary focus is on the development of undergraduates.

Solsvig has been recognized for his efforts, both locally and nationally. He is a multiple-year recipient of the Nevada Alpha chapter's Alumnus of the Year Award, and he was awarded Advisor of the Year by the University of Nevada. Solsvig has also received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the national Fraternity.

Solsvig's wife came to appreciate his dedication of time and talent to SigEp after he invited her to a Carlson Leadership Academy and EDGE. After being exposed to his seemingly furtive Fraternity endeavors, she said to him, "I understand now what you do for the Fraternity." She was able to recognize the personal rewards Solsvig gets from volunteering, as well as the significant impact he has on the future of young men.

But, Solsvig is quick to remind us, volunteering isn't all about business. "There is always an adventure when spending time with brothers," he says. "SigEps like to have fun while adding meaning."

Above, left to right: AVC members Jake Wiskerchen, '01, Mike Herenick, '04, Andy Solsvig, '00, Jordan Slotnick, '06, and Marcus Liem, '06, take their roles and the need to have fun with them very seriously.

Five keys to chapter success from San Diego State

The role of volunteers is essential to chapter success. San Diego State's success formula of getting in the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse and being intramural champions last semester is crystallized into five key areas by their AVC President, Ronald D. Smith, San Diego State '69.

Set up a solid Alumni and Volunteer Corporation (AVC) support structure to model effective leadership and facilitation. **1**

- Monthly meetings with AVC and chapter officers. The chapter president chairs the first half of the meeting and each key officer presents an update. AVC attendees coach, counsel and guide. The AVC president chairs the second half. This AVC update keeps the chapter informed of alumni issues and demonstrates leadership techniques.

- Off-site leadership retreats with AVC and chapter officers as well as potential chapter leaders in August (recruitment and programming) and December (officer transition and academic performance check-in).

- AVC participation in chapter meetings to provide interim coaching and guidance.

- Ongoing chapter counselor and AVC treasurer interaction on significant issues and finances.

Choose the right leaders. **2**

The members consistently look for respected men whose words match their

deeds and whose goals and values are right for the organization. At times, the popular choice has been shunned and the wise, practical choice has won out, particularly for the office of president.

Buy into the national program. **3**

The men have strongly bought into the ethics of Sound Mind and Sound Body. They engage in the entire Leadership Continuum, especially the powerful and influential experience of sending a large contingent to Conclave. After the 2005 Conclave, improvement accelerated. Two men returned with huge motivation to win a Buchanan Cup in 2007, and did just that. Twelve undergraduate leaders, four alumni, and two wives went to Atlanta. These twelve chapter leaders moved the chapter toward the next goals: top-ranked GPA, Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse, and the IFC All Sports Championship in the same year. By the end of spring semester 2008, these goals were achieved. Work toward a second Buchanan Cup continues.

Tap into strong university support. **4**

San Diego State provides senior leadership that believes in the Greek



San Diego State received its first Buchanan Cup at the 2007 Conclave.

system. Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. James Kitchen, is a hands-on administrator. Greek Life Coordinator Doug Case and his staff stay in touch with the chapters, offering support, guidance and encouragement. Chapter officers welcome the partnership.

As part of the California State University (CSU) System, San Diego State adopted a Chapter Standards of Excellence program. These standards closely mirror the criteria and achievement levels necessary for a SigEp chapter to win a Buchanan Cup. SigEp has scored the highest of all IFC chapters to win Dean's Trophy, given to the top IFC chapter, two years running. Other chapters are starting to notice what it takes to win, and the competition is tightening up. So goal benchmarks must always be raised to avoid complacency and keep the competition at bay.

With SigEp and SDSU providing incentives and rewards for excellence, California Delta has gained significant momentum and seems to have a strong, sustainable culture aimed at achievement.

Police your own. **5**

Members hold each other accountable. Those who don't support the goals and expected achievement levels don't last as members. Brothers encourage and support struggling members. But, when someone lets grades lag, doesn't engage in the chapter activities, pays dues sporadically, or behaves in a way that demeans SigEp, he is confronted. Without improvement, he is soon asked to leave. This is the difference between social friend and brother, a difficult but necessary distinction to maintain the core values of the organization.

In her own words A woman's perspective on volunteering at SigEp

By KAREN KATZ, Chi Omega

We all have personal connections to SigEp. Maybe you are a founding father or a fourth generation legacy. Maybe your son has just joined your chapter. Or maybe, like me, you're a huge fan of what SigEp offers to today's college men.

All of us have a favorite memory from our undergraduate experiences: the best parties, the best friends and the best memories. But what engages us to volunteer is the range of experiences that forever changed our lives and made us into the people we are today. Ultimately volunteering is a personal experience.

People volunteer for a myriad of reasons, especially wanting to help the newest generation of brothers. You can stay connected to the organization. It's a way to stay young and "hip." An exchange occurs. You can help others while feeling good about yourself. Through this exchange, you honor the commitment you made on the day of your initiation.

Whether you choose to sit on your Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Board, become an advisor, mentor a student, offer your house for a chapter activity, or all of the above, your efforts will be returned to you tenfold through the legacy of your actions.

As the Balanced Man steward for Florida International, I teach etiquette lessons for the new members. It warms my heart to see women react with pleasant surprise when these guys stand for them as they enter a room,



Volunteer Karen Katz keeps Carlson Leadership Academy attendees engaged in Atlanta this past February. Katz sees results from her volunteer efforts when Florida International SigEps treat women respectfully.

"The art of good manners may be absent in much of today's society, but SigEp is bringing chivalry back."

~ KAREN KATZ

open doors for them in the student center, or offer to carry heavy boxes. The art of good manners may be absent in much of today's society, but SigEp is bringing chivalry back.

Only a small percentage of men and women will volunteer for a fraternity. Mentoring young men and women to achieve their greatest potential is both demanding and motivating.

While in Atlanta for a Carlson Leadership Academy, I heard many stories from chapter counselors about young guys who lacked discipline and etiquette and who, with their mentorship, subsequently led the chapter, held a high GPA, and were accepted into graduate school or excellent jobs. These men may

never thank their mentors. They may never realize the impact that joining SigEp has had on their lives. Or they may be our future volunteers who continue the cycle of giving back to SigEp.

Many of my SigEp friends volunteer with their local Alumni and Volunteer Corporations. They plan events as a way to network and stay involved with the Fraternity. When founding members gather and share experiences with newer members, the impact it has on our future leaders is immeasurable.

If you value the impact that your membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon has had in your life and you're ready to be a positive role model, join the Leadership Continuum and leave your legacy: Volunteer.

Karen Katz is the past chapter counselor and current Balanced Man steward for Florida International. She is a National Volunteer Committee member. Katz is also a local and national volunteer for her sorority, Chi Omega.

From chapter president to AVC president: A SigEp lifecycle

By **PATRICK C. MURPHREY**, Christopher Newport '05

SigEp's *Lifetime Responsibility of Brotherhood* extends beyond our college days. To some this seems like a nice sentiment, but to one SigEp alumnus, it is a duty. Initiated eight years after the Virginia Iota Chapter was chartered, **Larry Caudle, James Madison '82**, has been



When Larry Caudle, '82, found out his SigEp chapter at James Madison was closed, he took action. Just a short time later, this Sigma Epsilon Chapter has a charter in its sights.

an integral part of bringing SigEp back to the Shenandoah Valley. He was chapter president as an undergraduate and now serves as president of the Alumni and Volunteer Corporation of the recently re-established James Madison University SEC, with his eye firmly set on gaining the charter back.

Caudle's dedication to SigEp has shone through his efforts to return SigEp to the Harrisonburg, Va., campus. When asked what inspired him to volunteer in the expansion efforts, Caudle said, "Sadly, like many of our brothers, I lost contact with the chapter several years after I graduated and, in fact, was unaware until the summer of 2007 that JMU had

lost its charter a few years ago."

Caudle said "my desire to play a role in re-establishing the chapter increased substantially when I learned of the Balanced Man Program (BMP). I was convinced that the Fraternity had come full circle and was striving to provide to young men the fraternity experience our founding fathers envisioned." He believes that the BMP "provides an opportunity more fulfilling than simply ensuring the effective management of the chapter." He sees it as an avenue for him and his brothers to "affect young men's lives through mentoring."

In re-establishing the chapter at JMU, Caudle continually emphasizes the team atmosphere that has led to progress. One of his fondest memories thus far has been "playing a role in the Sigma rite of passage for our new SEC brothers in November 2007."



On April 12, the James Madison SEC students and AVC hosted a golf tournament at Packsaddle Ridge, inviting parents and Headquarters representatives. The tournament helped alumni, students and parents get acquainted and served as a kickoff for the new chapter.

Recently, Caudle was thrilled to learn of his son's desire to become a SigEp at Georgia Tech. This desire stems from his son's belief that the BMP can help develop him into a more complete and well-rounded person. The ideals of Sigma Phi Epsilon have shaped Caudle's life "most prominently in how

best to respond to the adversities in life, which are inevitable, with zeal and hard work. More importantly, [we learn] how to aid and support those friends and family facing their own adversities."

Caudle graduated with a bachelor's in business administration and received his law degree from Richmond in 1994. He is a principal with Kraftson Caudle, LLC, a law firm in Tysons Corner, Va., which focuses on construction and government contracts.



National programs offer initial opportunities to engage

By **TRAVIS SWANSON**, Kansas State '06
Director of Leadership Development

SigEp's Leadership Continuum programs offer an easy way to try out the volunteer experience. As a result, you may want to become a regular at these annual events or decide to make a longer term commitment at your local chapter.

With about 30 EDGE new member programs and five Carlson Leadership Academies (CLA), these programs have the biggest ongoing need for volunteers, about 400 positions annually. The Ruck Leadership Institute and the Tragos Quest to Greece have fewer spots and require more volunteer experience.

These programs offer alumni meaningful interaction with current undergraduates where you can connect, learn and tap into an energizing experience. EDGE and CLA, which occur across the country, last one to two days on site and require two to four hours of preparation. Ruck and the Greece trip are four-day and 10-day commitments respectively.

To express interest in volunteering, e-mail Ryan Blanck (ryan.blanck@sigep.net) about EDGE or Travis Swanson (travis.swanson@sigep.net) for other Leadership Continuum programs.



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Clockwise from top

Jim Reeves, Central Missouri '80, holds a breakout session during a discussion of the Leadership Challenge. He challenges his work group to look at their own behaviors as role models for leadership and decide where they do well and where they need to improve.

Volunteer Shawn Dalgleish, Illinois '80, connected with undergrads at this year's Ruck Leadership Institute.

District Governor Billy Maddalon, North Carolina State '90, works out with an undergraduate. Both Ruck and EDGE programs include a Sound Body component as physical health is a visible reflection of leadership.

Former District Governor and National Leadership Committee member Kevin O'Connor, Loras '88, enjoys that direct connection with the newest chapter officers at a 2008 Carlson Leadership Academy.

Frank Butterfield, Southern California '83, helps SigEp keep the Sound Body component at the forefront in a recent EDGE training event.



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Milestones spark next bold moves



By **CRAIG TEMPLETON**,
Kansas '81
Executive Director

Right: A 1959 Grand Chapter Conclave awards ceremony includes some of the men who helped remove the restrictions to membership, opening a door to diversity fifty years ago.

Below: the symbol for the Balanced Man concept endorsed at the 1989 Grand Chapter Conclave.



We got to talking recently about how SigEp earned the reputation as a trailblazer in the college fraternity movement. Was it to make up for lost time as a late comer in 1901 after most fraternities had clocked a half century of history? We couldn't help but notice a significant number of milestones coming in the 2008-2009 school year:

50 YEARS: Discriminatory membership restrictions abolished, 1959 Grand Chapter Conclave.

50 YEARS: Formation of the National Housing Board and Chapter Investment Funds for chapter housing, 1959.

25 YEARS: Staff and leadership meeting at Tarrytown Conference Center, New York, with Frank Ruck and Barry Posner to examine the mission of the Fraternity, 1984.

20 YEARS: The Grand Chapter endorses the Balanced Man concept that would bring the most sweeping advance in any fraternity to positively change the role of the fraternity in its members' college experience, 1989 Grand Chapter Conclave.



Illinois, one of SigEp's 36 Residential Learning Communities

All of those events were ahead of their time—SigEp's legacy of leadership. Today we are setting out to repeat our trailblazing history.

- The National Board of Directors has commissioned the most comprehensive, inclusive review and strategic planning process since the Tarrytown Conference.
- The Headquarters staff re-engineered chapter services to accommodate advanced technology and greater volunteer responsibility.
- We expanded our role in chapter housing with \$18 million in new lending capacity—a bold move in a financial sector rife with losses where we are still growing and thriving.
- By converting chapter houses into Residential Learning Communities, now on 36 campuses, we are proving the Fraternity is perfectly positioned to build “residential college” atmospheres that most campuses struggle to achieve.
- The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation is completing the biggest year in its history, with commitments from generous alumni that will double its resources, enabling it to better support the leadership and educational pursuits of the Fraternity.



The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation Luncheon at the 2007 Conclave generated over \$15 million in pledges.



Frank Ruck, Michigan '46, was determined to connect the SigEp staff to a single mission. By bringing them together at Tarrytown in 1984, he followed some of the best leadership thinking of the day and helped the staff share the same view of where the Fraternity would go next.

Trailblazing at Tarrytown: Frank Ruck's challenge

It was 1984 when new Grand President Frank J. Ruck Jr., Michigan '46, summoned 35 volunteer leaders and Headquarters staff to the Tarrytown Conference Center for a weekend. Frank had grown concerned about a lack of focus and common mission. He felt we needed alignment of our efforts to inspire us and our membership.

It was the start of Frank's groundbreaking leadership that would lead to the formation of the Balanced Man Program and that he later used to begin transforming the greater fraternity movement as President of the North-American Interfraternity Conference. Frank and then-Executive Director **Chuck White, Western Michigan '62**, called on Brother **Barry Posner, California-Santa Barbara '70**, past student National Board member and member of the National Leadership Committee, now a world renowned educator, lecturer and author (*The Leadership Challenge*), to facilitate the weekend retreat.

We were meeting in the place where Frank and great thinkers of the time, like Tom Peters (*In Search of Excellence*), worked and lectured (Peters would later write the forward to one of Brother Posner's recent books). We formulated mission statements that weekend which set the course for where we find ourselves today—revisiting those same processes to refresh our strategies to help college students live their best lives.

That plan will be unveiled at the Grand Chapter Conclave in Orlando next August.

Taking back the reputation of fraternities

Last summer marked another, albeit dubious, milestone with the 30th anniversary of National Lampoon taking command of the American college fraternity identity with the release of its first blockbuster movie, *Animal House*. Today, our undergraduates are the children of those of us who lived through the *Animal House* era. Those undergraduates—and we as parents—are demanding more for the role of fraternities today.

The desire to achieve a greater purpose in the most formative stage of a young man's life is inspiring SigEp to firmly take back the identity of fraternities as valued partners in higher education. Our national GPA pushing toward 3.15 and the involvement of our members on campus proves the value of a great fraternity experience. With the new members added to our roster since the March Periodic Membership Report of 14,353, we now have more than 15,000 SigEp undergraduates on campuses across the country. A tipping point. The biggest number since *Animal House* hit the screen.

78% of our chapters today are part of the Balanced Man Program

The Balanced Man Program

The Balanced Man Program continues to be the most recognized fraternity program in America, practiced by 78% of our chapters today. The Balanced Man concept has permeated all aspects of the Fraternity—from recruiting men with diverse interests to achieving top grade point averages and creating the strongest social and educational opportunities on campus to reflect the ancient Greek pursuit to build a sound mind in a sound body.

The Member Development Committee worked with staff this year to launch a new online proficiency assessment tool for chapters called *Excelsior*. Deployed in February, it has already emerged as a complete chapter management system for chapters, staff and volunteers. More than 200 chapters have completed the assessment, evaluating everything from housing, volunteer engagement, and chapter recruitment to member development programming and retention.

The Member Development Committee is recruiting and training regional “super” stewards to work with Balanced Man stewards at chapters. The role of the Balanced Man steward has slipped in recent years, and the committee has committed to revitalizing the role to perfect the Balanced Man Program.

Excelsior, along with the resurgence of stewards, will bolster the Balanced Man Program and represent significant enhancements to the SigEp experience.



Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse

Chapters with better than a 3.15 GPA qualify for the Phi Beta Kappa Wheelhouse. Evidence continues to indicate that the Wheelhouse challenge is a “silver bullet” in both member retention and risk management. We set a goal to get 50 chapters into the Wheelhouse this year, but the undergraduates proved overachievers with 78 chapters above the Wheelhouse threshold for the Spring '07 semester. How does this correlate to risk? We have never closed a chapter in the Wheelhouse for low manpower or risk management violations and we notice more upperclassmen remaining actively involved in the chapters.

Washington State alumni Ken Christianson '74 and Rick Whitney '74 take a break from the drainage excavation project at the chapter house.



Alumni and volunteers

Three years ago, the Board named a Committee on Volunteers, chaired by National Director **Phillip A. Cox, Indiana '84**. Phil and his committee developed a long-term plan that called for staffing and direction to recruit and train volunteers at the chapter level to have more classic “board of directors” responsibility and accountability for the performance of their respective chapters. District governors are taking more clearly defined responsibility for filling vacancies and training volunteers, to assure every chapter has at least five volunteers engaged on their Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Boards.

Former Arkansas/Louisiana District Governor **Gary L. Huff, Central Arkansas '91**, SigEp's

director of volunteers, has deployed training programs for Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Board members. Last summer, volunteers were trained in Richmond and Los Angeles to deliver alumni board training for all chapters. In addition, volunteer trainers have been participating in weekly WebEx distance learning programs taught by staff and volunteers in the field.

More than 526 volunteers have joined the roster this year, while 364 volunteers were removed who either quit or were not engaged at the chapter. We still have a lot of work to do: On average, we have 4.8 volunteers per chapter (1,207), and we want every chapter to have at least five core positions filled.



Membership

SigEp remains the largest fraternity in America, with more than 14,000 undergraduate members on 257 campuses reported by March 1, 2008. Total New Members for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, was slightly ahead of last year at 6,063. Brothers came in at 5,784, giving us a 2%

lead over last year's numbers. The 257 chapters reporting this year, compares to last year's 262 (nine closed and four opened).

The Periodic Membership Report (PMR)—our annual census of membership as of March 1—is up 4.8% to 14,353, above 14,000 for the

first time since 1995. The PMR tallies members by class year providing the best data we have presently for measuring retention of members. The all-time high was 1990-91 with 16,800, dropping to 12,689 by 1996-97. Membership has spiked up most sharply in the last two years

(3.2% and 4.8%, respectively).

We have been studying recruitment at 20 chapters this summer to evaluate the impact of our second mid-year National Recruitment Retreat in Tampa, Fla., last winter. Staff and volunteers targeted 20 chapters to instill summer

recruitment skills, the Balanced Man Scholarship, and other recruitment advantages.

The Periodic Membership Report, our annual census of membership as of March 1, is up 4.8% to 14,353.

Finances

Grand Treasurer **Chris Bittman**, Colorado '85, continues to guide and monitor a strong fiscal state. We have ridden a real estate boom of our own over the last six years, greatly enhancing the Fraternity's financial situation and stability. Our consolidated revenues for the year ended June 30 topped \$9.4 million, fueled largely by the growth in housing. The National Housing Corporation now owns and manages a dozen chapter houses. Interest returns on loans in the Housing Loan Fund alone will generate \$488,000 more for housing this year.

Where does Sigma Phi Epsilon's money come from?



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Journal

The *Journal* has been restored as a leading alumni communications magazine among fraternities and returned to award-winning status in May with an award for Overall Excellence in publications at the College Fraternity Editors Association conference. The *Journal* has been back for eight years as our 52-page flagship publication, published three times a year—corresponding to school terms spring, summer and fall. While others are scaling back publications due to costs, the undergraduates of SigEp raised the *Journal* lifetime subscription fee to maintain our continuous link to alumni. The increase funded a redesign of the print version with plans to expand to an online version of the magazine.

For the first time, the *SigEp Journal* was honored with the Fred F. Yoder Award, Second Place for Overall Excellence, from the College Fraternity Editors Association in May 2008.



Headquarters staff

Last year, I established a management team at Headquarters called the Lead Team—sort of the Headquarters' own Exec Board. After the 2008 Conclave, staff undertook a top-to-bottom evaluation of the Headquarters, including staffing and resources to identify barriers to efficiency, performance and innovation. We examined four areas:

- The organizational structure of staff;
- The performance management of personnel, including core competencies, skills development, performance and accountability;
- Business processes and technology; and
- The workplace environment, both culture and work space.

With input from past staff and volunteers, we have restructured chapter services to return to two directors with two territories: east and west (**Chad North**, Bucknell '06, and **Sean Anthony**, Dartmouth '06, respectively). They will be able to provide a more holistic management model involving recruitment and volunteers. The directors of member development and Residential Learning Communities have joined the volunteers team, tightening the connection between volunteers and programming success.

We are in the process of building a new Web presence for the Fraternity to provide the technology base and resources today's students and alumni have come to expect from a leading member service organization. Over



This year, the Headquarters staff has focused on identifying and overcoming barriers to higher performance, changes in organizational structure, business processes and workplace environment.

the coming year, you will find greater access to information, interactive features and news about your chapter on the web site.

“History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illumines reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life and brings us tidings of antiquity.”

~ CICERO

Housing

The National Housing Corporation tightened its lending practices five years before the sub-prime debacle and invested heavily in our best chapters. This helped us to ride a real estate wave that has produced many quick turn-arounds for a remarkable reversal of fortune for SigEp housing. Loans were recorded and payment schedules enforced, and our loan portfolio started growing. We reduced loan losses and tripled our loan portfolio with the infusion of an \$18 million lending facility with BB&T with nearly \$23 million in loans today.

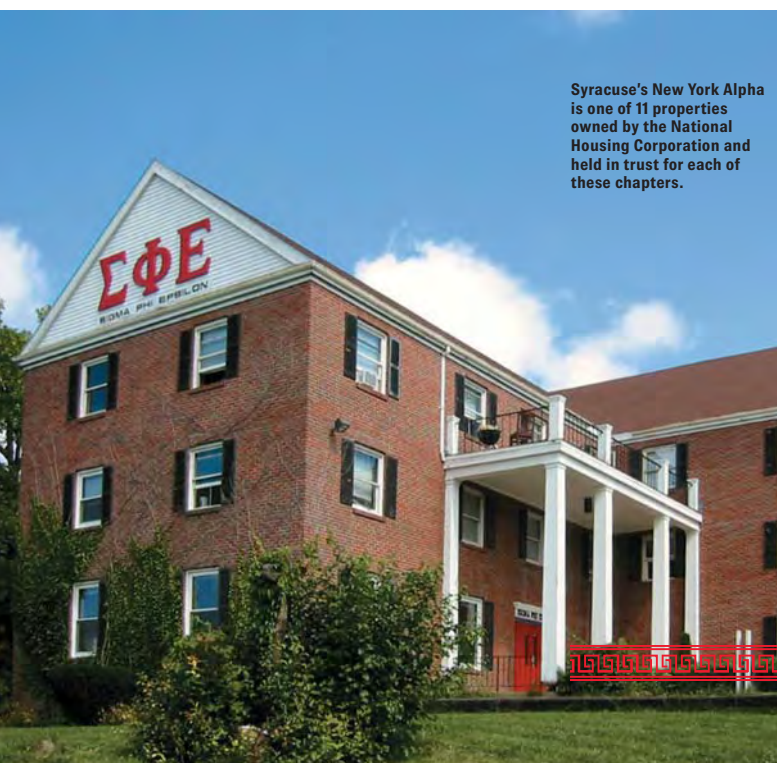
Interest earnings on the NHC's Housing Loan Fund provided \$488,000 in growth last year—and that's after expenses. While real estate stalls nationally, we're proud to report that the SigEp National Housing Corporation continues to grow, building,

acquiring and renovating houses at a record pace.

The NHC's housing fund raising effort started in 2003 in cooperation with the Educational Foundation, and targets chapters to cultivate donor bases to support the acquisition and renovation of chapter facilities. So far, that effort has produced more than \$19.4 million in pledges with \$9.2 million collected for 17 chapter housing campaigns.

At its spring meeting, the Board authorized extending our BB&T lending facility an additional \$3 million to fund more loans. Combined with our own Housing Loan Fund, we are now managing \$25 million in chapter housing loans. No fraternity has ever put so much money into housing in such a short period.

Take a look: www.sigep.org/journal/fall2008



Syracuse's New York Alpha is one of 11 properties owned by the National Housing Corporation and held in trust for each of these chapters.



Drake University is one of 36 Residential Learning Communities. These chapters have a holistic living learning environment and a deep connection to their university faculty.

Residential Learning Communities

Thirty-six Alumni and Volunteer Corporation Boards have utilized funding resources from their campuses and SigEp Headquarters to convert to Residential Learning Communities (RLCs). RLCs create a complete living learning residential environment incorporating academic components into living quarters. We are continuing to perfect the RLC as classes are taught in chapter houses, chapters collaborate with university administrations to provide class credit for leadership curricula, and officers cultivate faculty involvement in chapter programming.

What you can do

The consistency of quality programming from one chapter to the next will always demand the attention of staff and great volunteers.

Today's millenials want to be part of a group that consistently graduates more men in four years with the best grades on campus. We are gathering data to prove that's us. Your chapter, or one near you, needs your help in that endeavor. The Balanced Man Scholarship, year-round recruiting, including summer, and the tools we are providing our chapters will help identify and attract the right students who will advance our values and ideals on campus, and they need your guidance, mentorship and assistance.

CRAIG D. TEMPLETON
Executive Director

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David Britz	Penn State	'01
Chris Walters	Pepperdine	'03
Matt Ivester	Duke	'05
Bryce Walker	Duke	'06
Kyle Novak	LMU	'07

And several hundred other Sigma Chi, Phi Psi, and GDIs.

In the dust



By **GARRY KIEF**
Southern California '70
President, Educational
Foundation

“There...in Tarrytown... they set the Fraternity on a mission that would lead us to the Balanced Man Program.”

Joking after a show with Charles and Diana. Hanging backstage with the President. Laughing with McCartney at the Super Bowl. All great once-in-a-lifetime experiences that will forever be etched in my mind.

None, however, quite compares to arriving on campus at William and Mary and being surrounded by our current crop of SigEps attending Ruck.

Ruck. That's SigEp talk for the Ruck Leadership Institute. It's held each year for 150-plus of our best of the best. They usually gather in the hot, muggy summer of the East Coast and spend day after day absorbing everything they can about being a leader. From ropes courses to heartfelt discussions about guiding their peers. From working with each other to meeting with SigEp leaders who have volunteered to mentor our future.

All of these are a long way from the experiences many of us shared when we were undergraduates. These current kids are focused on the future. Their goal is to build each other up. To help their brothers and their chapters make a positive contribution to their communities and their world.

That's a long way from the most outrageous pledge caper. Or the biggest bonfire on the Row.

And a long way from where we were 25 years ago when **Frank J. Ruck Jr., Michigan '46**, (yes...Ruck is named after him) convened a small group of SigEp leaders in Tarrytown, N.Y., to consider the possibility that fraternities in general and SigEp in particular should either consider being a force for the future or a thing of the past.



Frank Ruck was elected Grand President at the 1983 Conclave in Chicago.

Like me...you've probably heard all of the names. Tragos, White, Posner, McCleary, McKenna, Maddox, Nabhan. And you probably share the aura of this monumental meeting, when they argued about how to save and grow our beloved Fraternity instead of watching it slip away as an idea that had seen its day.

There...in Tarrytown...they set the Fraternity on a mission that would lead us to the Balanced Man Program. Little did they know that their work would launch SigEp into its second 100 years. Little did they know that they were igniting the guiding light that every other fraternity would copy.

Then again, maybe they did.

As a new volunteer, I was clueless when it came to who was who in the SigEp hierarchy. All I knew was that, every once in awhile, I would bump into this older guy named Frank. And he would always ask me how I was, what did I think of this program or that idea, and was there anything he could do for me or my chapter.

What an idiot I was.

If I had only connected the dots.

If I had only thanked him for the impact he's had on me, and countless thousands of young SigEps who really will become the world's leaders.

But then again. That's very Frank. In hindsight, I realize he didn't live for the thanks for the past. He lived for the promise of the future.

We can honor that future by making it possible for more kids to attend Ruck. Unfortunately, with the ever increasing cost of travel...actually getting to Ruck has become a major problem even for the kids who have received Ruck Scholarships from your Educational Foundation.

So...to honor Frank...to honor that historic gathering at Tarrytown...we've created a special fund to assist Ruck scholars. You can honor both by contributing to the fund either online at www.sigepfoundation.org/donations or via the envelope contained in this *Journal*.

Chuck.

Di.

Bill.

Paul.

You're all impressive.

But even you would be impressed by the kids at Ruck. The BMP.

And the volunteers who make it possible.

Frank, of course, would leave you in the dust.

Fourth scholarship awarded to 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee winner

By E. SCOTT THOMPSON II, Southern Mississippi '99

For the fourth year, the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation has awarded a scholarship to the Scripps National Spelling Bee winner. Held every year in Washington D.C., the Spelling Bee attracts national media attention, and SigEp provides a \$5,000 scholarship to the champion. Viewers of the May broadcast on ABC saw SigEp's name next to the likes of Merriam Webster and Encyclopedia Britannica.

At the awards dinner held after the week-long competition, SigEp shared the stage with all of the sponsors to present our scholarship to the winner. This year Roger Mermelstein,

Miami (Florida) '87, on the Foundation Board of Governors and past Headquarters staff member, presented the scholarship to Sameer Mishra from West Lafayette, Ind.

A very humble Mishra remarked, "Winning the Spelling Bee was great. I know that my hard work has paid off, and I thank Sigma Phi Epsilon for the scholarship." He plans to attend college, possibly at Yale, to study neurosurgery.

Your Educational Foundation is a proud partner with the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The reasoning is simple.

We believe in the stated purpose of the Spelling Bee: when students improve their spelling, they increase their vocabu-



Educational Foundation Representative Roger Mermelstein, Miami (Florida) '87, congratulates 2008 Scripps National Spelling Bee winner Sameer Mishra who received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Foundation.

laries, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. In short, Spelling Bee partici-

pants value higher education, and the Foundation supports these young leaders.

Alumni buy season tickets to a winner:

Chapter scholarship and housing spotlights

Asking alumni to give money to the local chapter is not enough. Yes, gifts will be made, but the potential is realized over time. When alumni see success, and more importantly, see how their gifts help drive success, they will continue to provide support. In other words, alumni buy season tickets to a winner. Below are two chapter successes from the past four years. One is a scholarship campaign and the other is a housing campaign. Results reflect when fundraising efforts began and where they stand today.

Texas Gamma—Texas Christian

Scholarship: James Wood Balanced Man Scholarship

Manpower: 62 (2004); 134 (2008)

GPA: 2.88 (2004); 3.30 (2007)

Endowments: \$1,000 (2004); \$25,550 (2008)

Direct Funds: \$197 (2004) \$9,547 (2008)

Keys to success:

"At Texas Gamma, the James H. Wood Balanced Man Scholarship and the award ceremonies are part of our chapter culture. Every year, the award ceremony draws alumni back to witness the chapter's excellence. And every year, the return of alumni stimulates increased involvement."

~ BILL PATTEN, TEXAS CHRISTIAN '73

Texas Alpha—Texas

Project Scope: Establish maintenance endowment; build 10,000 square foot addition

Manpower: 130 (2004); 163 (2008)

GPA: 3.04 (2004); 3.14 (2007)

Amt. Raised: \$3,100,000

Donors: 238

Keys to success:

"I see three elements: first, the chapter has to be on solid footing with manpower, grades, and finances. The alumni need to see that they are on track to achieve their goals. Second, you need a good, consistent alumni relations program with regularly scheduled events for alumni, two newsletters per year, and other less formal communications. Third, the AVC, building committee, and the foundation need to be solidly involved to create an alumni umbrella of involvement."

~ MARK KIESTER, TEXAS '71

The winning word is... 'guerdon' *n:* reward, recompense



Past Bee winner Evan O'Dorney attended the 2007 Conclave in Atlanta.

UPDATE:

A past champion uses scholarship for calculus courses at California-Berkeley

Fourteen-year-old Evan O'Dorney, the 2007 winner, is the first Spelling Bee Champion to use his Sigma Phi Epsilon scholarship. Young Evan is passionate about math and attended several calculus classes at

California-Berkeley in the 2007 academic year. His grades? All A's of course. He also tied for the top score in the USA Mathematics Olympiad in 2007 and won the Clay Olympiad Scholar Award for most creative

solution to an Olympiad problem. The 2005 champion Anurag Kashyap and 2006 champion Kerry Close are still in high school. When they graduate and head to college, the *Journal* will keep you updated.

Updated donor information reflects new fiscal year

The Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation recently changed its fiscal year from a calendar year to July 1–June 30 to synchronize with the national Fraternity's fiscal year. As a result, the following charts have been updated through June 30, 2008. They include donations to chapter funds and the general fund managed by the Foundation.

Every chapter has at least one scholarship fund with the Foundation. General fund gifts support Leadership Continuum programs that benefit all chapters. All gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

Chapters with 300 all-time donors through June 2008		Top 30 chapters for number of donors from Jan. '07–June '08		Top 30 chapters for all-time donations through June 2008	
School	# of Donors	School	# of Donors	School	Total Given
Purdue	611	Wichita State	92	Pennsylvania State	\$5,860,144
Florida	591	Florida State	87	Kansas State	\$2,918,348
Texas-Austin	538	Florida	70	Tennessee	\$2,838,177
Oregon State	513	Washburn	67	Southern California	\$1,853,448
Michigan	513	Colorado	65	Ohio Wesleyan	\$1,600,309
Southern California	499	Texas Christian	61	William & Mary	1,543,603
Kansas State	484	Purdue	60	Texas-Austin	\$1,325,893
Delaware	438	Illinois	57	Nebraska	\$1,170,604
Tennessee	435	Kansas State	54	Washington in St. Louis	\$1,157,175
Nebraska	428	Oregon State	48	Purdue	\$1,067,327
Illinois	422	Oklahoma State	47	Wichita State	\$967,656
Ohio State	403	Pennsylvania	47	WPI	\$813,331
Cincinnati	385	Cincinnati	45	Minnesota	\$783,687
Kansas	379	Oklahoma	45	Colorado	\$782,109
Syracuse	372	Ohio State	43	North Carolina State	\$773,899
Pennsylvania	370	Johns Hopkins	42	Florida	\$706,536
North Carolina	367	Michigan	41	Oregon State	\$460,027
Richmond	366	Western Michigan	41	Michigan	\$398,960
North Carolina State	365	Miami (Ohio)	40	North Texas	\$382,488
Pennsylvania State	352	North Carolina State	39	Colorado School of Mines	\$374,144
Indiana	352	Kansas	39	Oregon	\$366,575
Colorado	350	Richmond	39	Davidson	\$360,012
Oklahoma State	347	South Carolina	39	North Carolina	\$282,663
Iowa State	343	Southern California	39	Georgia Tech	\$277,049
Miami (Ohio)	341	Colorado State	37	Cincinnati	\$268,700
Colorado State	337	San Diego State	37	Lamar	\$262,797
Auburn	330	Maryland-College Park	36	Wisconsin	\$253,552
Ohio Northern	327	Auburn	34	Indiana State	\$251,078
Georgia Tech	325	Bowling Green	34	Memphis	\$249,876
Florida State	319	Delaware	34	Missouri-Columbia	\$235,484
Ohio Wesleyan	313				
Wisconsin	310				
Iowa	303				
West Virginia	300				

Bolded schools include written pledges made during the Educational Foundation Luncheon at the 2007 Grand Chapter Conclave

“Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one.”

~ MARCUS AURELIUS

Thank you for
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Continuum

Top consecutive givers through June 2008

Name	# of Consecutive Years	Name	# of Consecutive Years
Mr. Harry H. Coolidge Jr., Wisconsin '42	39	Mr. Frank H. Mater Jr., Richmond '54	31
Mr. John W. Hartman, Missouri-Columbia '61	39	Mr. Shawn McKenna, Maine '77	31
Mr. John V. Chidley, Bowling Green State '64	37	Mr. Ronald A. Schutt, Maine '52	31
Mr. Gordon R. Cox, East Texas State '61	37	Mr. Allan D. Warnath, Pittsburgh '55	31
Mr. James C. Foster, Morehead '69	37	Mr. Jack R. Welch, Colorado State '67	31
Mr. Bruce H. Hasenkamp, Dartmouth '60	37	Mr. Charles N. White Jr., Western Michigan '62	31
Mr. Norman T. R. Heathorn, MIT '57	37	Mr. Rudolph A. Ashton III, Wake Forest '68	30
Mr. Grant V. Hesser, Ohio '69	37	Mr. Stephen K. Burch, Washington in St. Louis '67	30
Mr. Tharon L. Jack, Davis & Elkins '61	34	Mr. Gary R. Chaix, California State-Sacramento '65	30
Mr. Lorne D. Matheson, Colorado '60	34	Mr. Robert J. Cutler, Iowa State '48	30
Mr. Maurice D. Rohleder, Evansville '58	34	Mr. Richard L. Dooley, RPI '68	30
Mr. Robert R. Adams, Oregon State '48	33	Mr. Paul W. Forbes, Delaware '75	30
Mr. Richard W. Dean, Auburn '66	33	Dr. Peter G. Hansen, Missouri S&T '53	30
Mr. J. Warren Hilton Jr., South Carolina '64	33	Mr. Wayne C. Hasselbrinck, Indiana State '64	30
Mr. W. Russell Koerwer, Muhlenberg '68	33	Mr. Thomas M. Hensley Jr., Marshall '70	30
Mr. Frederick W. Mast, Illinois '33	33	Mr. Robert K. Johnston, Johns Hopkins '68	30
Mr. James H. Muehlbauer, Purdue '63	33	Mr. William H. Jones Jr., Richmond '41	30
Lt. Colonel Donald R. Rochau, Iowa '59	33	Mr. Michael K. Kohler, Pittsburg State '75	30
Mr. William G. Tragos, Washington in St. Louis '56	33	Mr. Robert C. Loesch, Cincinnati '63	30
Mr. Joseph R. Warfel, North Carolina '66	33	Mr. Robert W. Mac Cannon, Colorado School of Mines '51	30
Mr. Bruce S. Andrews, Delaware '74	32	Rev. Douglas S. MacDonald*, Rutgers '56	30
Mr. George A. Moretz, North Carolina State '64	32	Dr. Brian P. McCune, Oregon State '72	30
Mr. James E. Pruitt Jr., Georgia Tech '56	32	Mr. Dennis E. Nickle, Florida State '61	30
Mr. John C. Straton Jr., Virginia '54	32	Mr. Robert L. Ogur, Western Michigan '61	30
Dr. Donald A. Watne, Montana '61	32	Mr. Eugene C. Schurg Jr., Davis & Elkins '77	30
Mr. William P. Yetter, Cornell '50	32	Colonel David W. Shoemaker Jr., Muhlenberg '69	30
Mr. John E. Zollinger Jr., Lehigh '57	32	Mr. Rodd D. Staker, Kansas '66	30
Mr. Gary D. Baker, Georgia Southern '71	31	Mr. Howard E. Teagarden, Kansas State '43	30
Major Frederick E. Barton, Evansville '66	31	Mr. William F. Via Jr., VCU '74	30
Mr. Emerson L. Brown, Miami (Ohio) '53	31	Douglas A. Wemmer, M.D., Ohio State '71	30
Mr. Warren F. Chauncey, Virginia '56	31	Mr. James W. West, Bowling Green State '64	30
Mr. Wallace C. Doud, Wisconsin '48	31		
Mr. David D. Jenkins, Colorado State '64	31		
Mr. Donald L. Kuhnsmann, Muhlenberg '48	31		
Mr. Allan P. LeChard, Pennsylvania State '55	31		
Mr. Edmund J. Lis, Miami (Ohio) '51	31		

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Tragos Quest to Greece



Foundation established to honor Rutgers SigEp

By **TOM BAUDENDISTEL**, Cincinnati '11

At just seven years old, **Sean Hanna, Rutgers '09**, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Hodgkin's disease and had to undergo chemotherapy and radiation. Less than a year later, he would have a bone marrow transplant. Although he couldn't attend school regularly, he took part in Boy Scouts and Little League baseball, constantly living his life with passion and not taking anything for granted.

After a long period of remission, a routine scan revealed that Hanna's cancer was back. Hanna endured several more years of treatment, and as sports became more difficult, he began to focus on the arts. He loved to sing and was a member of the drama club, performing both at Carnegie Hall and in community theater. He even had his own radio show.

He graduated high school with honors and pursued broadcast journalism at Rutgers, while volunteering as a firefighter and on the rescue squad. After another relapse, Sean received another bone-marrow transplant. He stayed a year in the hospital. In April 2007, he succumbed to graft versus host disease.

Hanna's determination and outlook on life inspired people. Thousands attended his memorial service and hundreds of cars filled his funeral procession. After the services, Hanna's uncle said, "After attending his service and hearing story after story of the impact that he had on people's lives, I realized that everyone dies, but not

everyone truly lives. Sean had an indomitable spirit."

Sean's brother, **Jessie Hanna, Rutgers '06**, a former SigEp chapter president, wanted to tell his brother's story and to help others who share a similar plight. The Hanna family came up with the idea to create the Sean Hanna

Foundation. Several brothers including **Louis Awad, Rutgers '08**, and **Luke Hartmann, Rutgers '05**, were excited to help. They established the foundation, complete with an active board of directors, and over \$4,000 was raised by the chapter in just a few months. They are working towards having the Rutgers Greek community adopt the Sean Hanna Foundation as its signature charity. The chapter has held several successful events including a brother auction and a powder-puff football game. The foundation held a charity night at a local comedy club and plans a 5K walk in September. To learn more about the foundation visit www.seanhannafoundation.org.

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"We used to take road trips all the time, just to go somewhere."

~ SHANNON CAPPS

After twenty years in multiple jobs, Capps is happy to make writing his career. Multiple book signings and book club appearances ensued when his first novel was recently published.

Alumnus returns to writing roots with new novel

By **MATTHEW HUNT**, Georgia '05

Twenty-two years ago, **Shannon Capps, Southern California '87**, had a reputation as a writer within the Fraternity house.

"Hey man, we need another story" was the common appeal from his brothers when demand built up for the pages of satire he would occasionally slip under the door.

When Capps graduated, he adopted other monikers: businessman, journalist, father, and his creative side was downsized, stifled and redirected due to the demands of entrepreneurship and the rumor that one couldn't make a living writing fiction.

Capps has returned to his writing roots to spawn his debut novel, *Salmon Run*, and though it may not slide under the average door as easily, his writing seems to have the same effect on readers as it had on his brothers, leaving them clamoring for more.

Capps said his experiences as a SigEp became the backbone of *Salmon Run*, which is "basically a road-trip novel where a guy discovers a lot about the world and discovers a lot about himself."

"We used to take road trips all the time, just to go somewhere," he said, and the novel's main character, Woodrow Salmon, visits locations

Capps wandered through as an undergraduate.

Capps appeared at book club sessions across the country. "It's pretty surreal to walk into a room and see 11 or 12 people carrying your book," he said. "Plus, I get really valuable feedback from these groups."

One such book forum in southern California included teachers from Capps' childhood school district, with a special appearance by his eighth-grade English teacher, who was able to grade Capps' writing once more. He passed with flying colors. "To hear such praise from the man who taught you the craft is pretty cool," Capps said.

Capps, who lives in Portland, Ore., said he would consider traveling to a SigEp chapter to discuss *Salmon Run*, and he would enjoy the opportunity to talk to members.

For those who want a preview, Capps is on the cutting edge of digital promotion for his novel with a literary trailer. The concept, old-hat for the film industry, is in early use for promoting books. View the trailer and find out more about Capps' new book at www.swcapps.com.

SigEps ring NASDAQ opening bell



On April 22, 2008, John Scribante, Creighton '89, (right) and Danny Czaja, Georgia Tech '92, opened the market on the NASDAQ stock exchange with the official bell ringing. Their company, Orion Energy Systems, Inc., completed its initial public offering in December 2007. Scribante and Czaja both serve as senior vice presidents with Orion. Their company reported record results for its 2008 fiscal year ending March 31, 2008, with \$80.7 million in revenues, up 67% from the previous year.

Lifelong sportsman inducted into Ohio's Senior Olympics Hall of Fame

By **BRIAN RAPIEN**
Cincinnati '10

Rudolf Bredenbeck, Cincinnati '54, studied engineering and served as vice president of a strong SigEp chapter along with Chapter President Eric Weise, '54. Weise later became grand president of SigEp and a recipient of the Order of the Golden Heart, an honor he would later share with chapter brother Don Kindle, '55.

While his brothers took on big roles in SigEp, Bredenbeck took his leadership skills into the world of business, joining Teledyne Efficiency Industries, where he served as president for 20 years, and as a leader of multiple engineering societies in Cleveland.

During his time at Teledyne, Bredenbeck rediscovered his high school passion for track and field. He coached his junior high daughter and found that he still loved the events. Bredenbeck has participated in the Senior Olympics for the last 20 years and claims multiple medals for his collection. In 2006, he took home three gold medals, one each for discus, javelin and shot put at the Ohio state competition in his 75-79 age group. He saw three more first place finishes at the Lake Erie Association USA Track and Field Championships in 2007. Last year, at age 76, Bredenbeck was inducted into the Ohio Senior Olym-



pics Hall of Fame, one of the first 15 competitors to receive the honor, and he still competes.

What makes his feats even more remarkable is that Bredenbeck achieved them soon after being diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2004. "It's a somewhat rare bone marrow

cancer," he said. "I had a lot of side effects. Things were bothering me and I lost some of my strength." But he worked tirelessly through the pain, as his wife, Shirley, attests, "Even when he felt bad, he would go to the gym and lift weights. I give him a lot of credit. A lot of people wouldn't have the will power."

By 2006, Bredenbeck was competing in the Olympics again. And by the summer of 2007, he had fought the cancer into full remission, winning gold medals for both sports and spirit.

SigEps protect and serve at home and abroad

By **STEVE DORSEY**, American '09

For the past century, many SigEps have completed military service at home or on the front lines, and today is no exception. Read on to see some recent military service success stories your brothers have shared with the *Journal*.

On the frontlines

While in Iraq dedicating their time and skills for the U.S. Army, three SigEps were awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievements for service while engaged in a foreign military conflict. Lieutenant Colonel Neal West, Alabama '90, Major Christopher Schreiner, Drake '97, and Captain Cody Kramer, Michigan Tech '97, received the award for providing training, support and military intelligence to prepare a new Iraqi military unit for successful operation.

While overseas, the three worked with the 4th Brigade of the Iraqi Army. A total of 21 U.S. personnel were assigned to advise the unit of 5,000 soldiers.

"The chances of three SigEps being assigned to advise the same Iraqi army Brigade are extremely remote," Captain Kramer said.

The three took "the Brigade from a brand new unit with no experience to a fully functioning unit operating independently on the third most dangerous route in Iraq in less

than nine months," he said.

West and Schreiner mentored training officers for the 4th division. West

was the team chief and Schreiner was the intelligence advisor, and they have kept in close contact since returning to the U.S.

The two "had completely different backgrounds but similar personality traits," West said. But they were both goal- and mission-oriented, driven, and had similar success stories.

West said using cross-cultural techniques and listening to his foreign military partners' needs was a priority for him and his co-workers. "If you don't embrace their culture, then they don't open up to you," he said. If you have an honest desire to help them grow, they will certainly listen to you," he said.

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West is stationed in Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala., and plans to be there for at least another two years. He also said all three brothers are home safe.

Additionally, Colonel Gary Andrews, Rutgers '81, and Lieutenant Bob Kurkjian, Southern California '95, found themselves together in Iraq. Adams knew they were brothers when he saw Kurkjian reading the *Journal*.

Andrews was the commanding officer of the Defense and Logistics Agency Contingency Support Team in Iraq, and Kurkjian served as the operations officer for the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

After completing six-month tours, they both returned home safely last spring.

On the home front

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates announced in March that the President of the United States nominated Army Major General Mitchell H. Stevenson, West Virginia '74, for appointment as lieutenant general and deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Army, G-4, in Washington, D.C.

Stevenson previously served as commanding general for the U.S. Army Combined Support Command in Fort Lee, Va., and has held various operational and commanding leadership positions with the Army around the country. He has also received many service awards, including the Bronze Star Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Expert Infantryman's Badge.

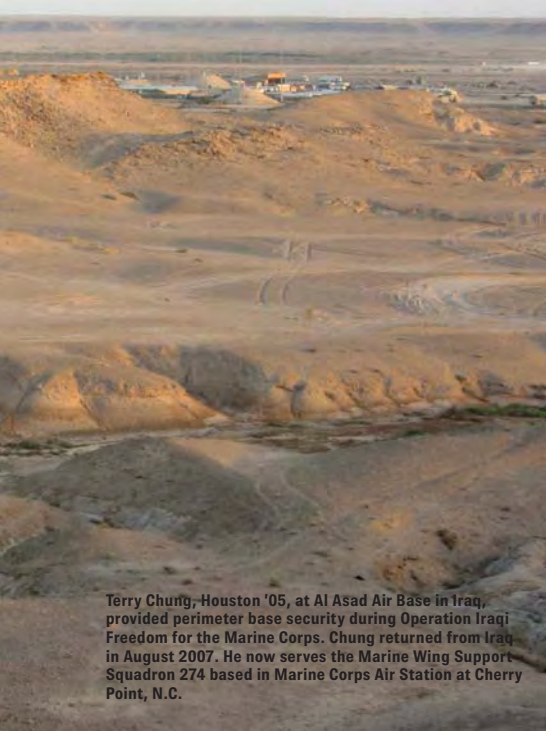
Also on the home front, two other SigEps recently worked together training in the military. Alumni Michael A. Molnar, California-Davis '07, and Joseph L. Stockhausen, Carnegie Mellon '07, graduated together in



Navy Lt. Bob Kurkjian (left) and Army Col. Gary Andrews stand outside their office at Camp Victory. Behind them is the Al Faw Palace, headquarters of the Multi-National Forces Iraq.



Brothers Joe Stockhausen, left, and Michael Molnar graduated together in February from the Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I.



Terry Chung, Houston '05, at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq, provided perimeter base security during Operation Iraqi Freedom for the Marine Corps. Chung returned from Iraq in August 2007. He now serves the Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 based in Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N.C.

February from the Navy Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, R.I., after a 12-week program in military operations, leadership, and physical training.

The school trains and prepares officers as ensigns for the U.S. Navy, as opposed to regularly enlisted Navy personnel.

The program graduates about 1,000 new officers a year, and recently moved to Newport after a 15-year stint in Pensacola, Fla. Molnar said the OCS program had a “boot camp environment” to it.

But Molnar survived and is now working as a supply officer in Athens, Ga., working on coordinating and receiving necessary equipment and supplies for the Navy. He said he would like to earn his MBA and work in politics.

Stockhausen is in Charleston, S.C., working and training in a six-month naval nuclear power propulsion program, and received the Honors Student Award for Academics for his OCS class. He plans to attend the Navy’s Submarine Officer Basic Course in submarine tactics, operation, and navigation after more than a year of preliminary training. After that, he will report to a submarine.

Kenneth “Ritche” Moore, Virginia Tech '85, has also been helping to lead America’s military efforts.

After graduating from the U.S. Army War College last year with a master’s in strategic studies, Moore was reassigned to the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he is assistant chief of staff, G-8 (Force Development).

If you or another brother want to report recent U.S. military accomplishments, send them to the *Journal* at journal@sigep.net.

College friend orchestrates Bulldogs for Billy

By **LEE THOMPSON**, Syracuse '08

Anytime brothers are reunited, reminiscing is enriching. Sometimes the circumstances are especially touching. At Georgia, a heart-warming gathering showed the brotherly love felt for Billy Southwood, '93, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2001 at age 30.

A chain of events was set off in an airport when a close friend to SigEp’s Georgia chapter in the early 90s, Jada O’Neill, ran into Southwood one morning in a remarkable coincidence. They hadn’t seen each other in years, and as happy as they were to connect in the terminal, a second turn of fate seated them side by side on the plane, allowing them to reminisce through the



Jada O'Neill took matters into her own hands to bring brothers back together after running into Billy Southwood at the airport.

whole flight.

After spending time with Southwood, O’Neill was moved by their emotional encounter and decided to bring the brotherhood of his friends together. Owing to Southwood’s remarkable spirit and personality, she had quite a few contacts to make. Southwood’s SigEp network responded in earnest. O’Neill and the brothers reunited to see each other and

Southwood, holding a barbeque before a Georgia football game and providing Southwood and his dad with tickets to the game. Although it was years after their time as undergrads, the Bulldogs came together once again, this time in a special showing of solidarity for Southwood.

Sometimes, it takes a woman to bring the brothers together again.

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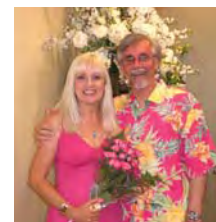
Below: Georgia SigEps, Mike Hyser, '92, John Gotham, '96, Billy Southwood and Stephen Hyser, '94, share a moment at the event dubbed Bulldogs for Billy (above) organized by Jada O'Neill.





Campbell captures a colleague swimming with a dolphin off the coast of French Polynesia in 2005.

The coral photo, *bottom*, shows Campbell's fascination with the bright color scapes nestled in the deep. See more of his photos at www.jcscuba.com.



When he's on land, Campbell spends time with his wife, Dana.

Brother takes the bite out of retirement

By ZACH GERMANIUK, Ohio State '09

When Jim Campbell, Long Beach State '68, entered the work world after graduating, he earned the nickname “the Torch” based on his reputation of going where no one had gone before and getting results. Today he carries that torch through his post-corporate endeavors: underwater photography and diving with sharks.

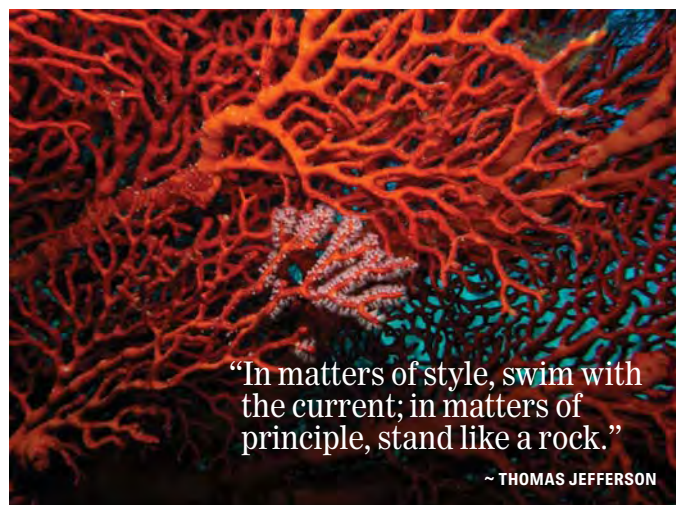
Campbell needed a strong foundation to power through a successful career in the pharmaceuticals industry. He's quite clear on where he got it. “I have two things to say about SigEp, and I say this quite seriously: First, if it wasn't for SigEp, I would never have graduated from college, and second, what I learned in college was from SigEp—how to get things done, how to be responsible for things, and making commitments and keeping them.”

More than simply helping Campbell graduate, he credits his Fraternity experience with giving him the opportunity to create defining moments in his life. He joined the Long Beach State Chapter when there were only eight brothers, a majority of them seniors. Campbell relates: “The [National] Fraternity told us we needed 12 new brothers in order to keep the chapter open. I told them we'd get 24.” After doing some homework on the graduating senior men of area high schools, Campbell selected “good looking guys, smart guys, and athletes” in an attempt to resurrect the fading chapter. The result was a fall pledge class of 54, a campus-dominating chapter GPA, and a string of intramural championships. Long Beach was back with a vengeance.

As Campbell looks back on his contributions to the chapter, he admires the Fraternity for its award-winning Balanced Man Program and the new benchmark it has set. “Back in the 60s, we started with a no-alcohol policy, no women allowed upstairs, doors open all the time. Then brothers took to alcohol in their rooms. Then it spilled into the

hallway. Then it was all over the place.” Now, sitting on several alumni boards, including California-Irvine, Campbell sees the Fraternity returning to its roots as a positive environment for mental and physical development, pushing brothers to test their limits.

For Campbell, that means following his passion for underwater photography off the coast of California and becoming a Master Scuba Diver Trainer specializing in shark awareness. His adventures in scuba diving have taken him around the world: Hawaii, Fiji, Palau in Micronesia, and countless other exotic spots across the Pacific Rim and Caribbean. With the stresses and demands of his professional career behind him, Campbell's passion for diving is a strong reminder that living your best life doesn't stop after graduation, or even after retirement.



“In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.”

~ THOMAS JEFFERSON



Grand Canyon offers vertical alternative for spring break

By **WILL ROCHFORD JR.**
San Diego '04

If you have the opportunity to travel 17 million years in four days, I recommend you take it. Last spring, I did just that when I joined **Dillon Friedman, San Diego '09, Joshua Hamilton, San Diego '09, Ryan Walters, Eastern Washington '07**, and two women from Alpha Chi Omega for a Spring Break trip to the Grand Canyon.

I was shocked to discover that, of the five million people who visit the Grand Canyon, only about 1% actually explore it from the inside. Most are content to pull up

to the rim, snap photos, visit a gift shop, and return home to tell their friends that they have been to the Grand Canyon. However, as anyone who has hiked the canyon will tell you, you haven't *been* until you've descended the 5,000 vertical feet from rim to river.

The Grand Canyon and SigEp have a lot in common. To walk to the edge and peer in isn't real engagement. You will miss the deeper experience. True, it takes more work, but success is always sweeter when mixed with your own sweat.

I was reminded of this as we hiked out of the canyon. When we returned to the rim, our relationships with each other were strengthened, our view of ourselves had changed, and our sense of accomplishment had soared.

We were exhausted when we returned to San Diego. However, after a day or three of marinating in the sun and soaking in the salt of the Pacific, we were as good as new.

Above, left to right: Ryan Walters joins Amanda Theis and Jaclyn Miller from San Diego's Alpha Chi Omega sorority along with Dillon Friedman and Joshua Hamilton as they set out on a hike of the South Kaibab Trail in the Grand Canyon.

Race for autism: SigEp spearheads vintage road race

By **ROBERT MILLER**, Huntingdon '09

You don't often see a slim 1934 Hudson Indy Racing Special cruising down the road. Even more rare is to see it racing against a shiny 1927 Sandford S Grand Sport in the narrow streets of a city. You can catch such classic cars battling it out under these conditions in the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, the largest vintage race in our nation, and the only one held on city streets. Even more important, the event raises money for two local charities for autism: The Autism Society of Pittsburgh (ASP) and Allegheny Valley School (AVS). **Dan DelBianco, Clarion of Penn '83**, has served in the driver's seat in helping raise over \$2 million for these organizations.

You won't find DelBianco out on the track itself. He drives a six-year-old Subaru Forrester, which he admits is "not quite vintage yet." As the executive director, he runs 100 mph in the weeks before the event doing just about everything. His headquarters is a small office at AVS where he works beside the people whose lives he is helping to change for the better. "You learn to appreciate things so much more when you are surrounded by individuals who have mental and physical handicaps," DelBianco says. "I have found the job that so many people wish for, one that is fulfilling, rewarding and lots of fun."

DelBianco came into SigEp as a chapter founder, and he began his job as the executive director in much the same way. After offering the services of his design firm, he wondered why the promotion wasn't more

extensive. He was told everyone in the organization was a volunteer, but they were looking for a full time executive director. DelBianco helped define the position and took it on in 2003.

Working so closely with the ASP and the AVS raised his awareness, and in 2005, he and his wife discovered that their youngest son



Dan DelBianco and his wife admire a 2006 Mercedes McLaren SLR Roadster at the 2007 Black Tie and Tailpipes Gala.

had PDD-NOS, a learning disorder that is the mildest form of autism. DelBianco reflected that "without the two charities being part of my work we may not have discovered this soon enough."

DelBianco steered toward the final preparations for the 2008 Pittsburgh Grand Prix, which took place in July. He hopes to reach even larger donations for the two organizations. Considering the growth the Pittsburgh Grand Prix has experienced over the past few years, that finish line is only a short drive away.

Learn more about the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and take a look at classic cars that spin their wheels on the various courses at www.pvgrp.org.

George Shafer of Somerset, Pa., right, races his red 1950 MGTD against Manley Ford of Milford, Mich., in his 1952 MGTD. Both competed in the under two-litre sports car group. Ford edged Shafer for the win. The drivers exchange congratulations as they take a cool down lap following the race, which took place on July 20, 2008.



In Memoriam

The following is a partial listing of SigEps who have passed away in recent months. It is our chance to remember those brothers who, through their death, have reminded us that life is transitory.

Christian "Shawn" Allen
Georgia Tech '96

James "Hoss" Brock
Texas Christian '56

Ralph E. Clark
Oregon State '66

Carl Alyn Combs
Florida State '62

Jonathon Cote
Florida '09

Granville Dean
Texas '54

James Philip Engle
Texas Christian '61

Sean Michael Flood
Rochester '41

Barney Gardner
New Mexico '39

Allan Goldberg
Syracuse '89

Jim Hayes
Texas Arlington,
Renaissance

Ronald E. Hermanson
Central Michigan '77

Gates E. Hunt Jr.
Indiana '50

Harry J. Kanastab
Ohio Wesleyan '39

Roy E. Knecht
Missouri Science &
Technology '59

Rue Lazzell
West Virginia '58

Eugene McCaul
Richmond '38

Robert Neill McDuffie
Tulsa '49

Jerry McMillen
Northern Colorado '55

Michael O'Donnell
Texas '88

Jeremiah Pearson
Vermont '05

Kenneth Ira Perlstein
Virginia Tech '76

Philip S. Pettie
Purdue '58

Richard Reiter
Toledo '53

William B. Sloan
East Carolina '73

Cyril Dale Sutton Jr.
San Diego State '51

Robert Newton Wall Jr.
Oklahoma State '54

Steve Zogg
Texas Christian '75

Ten attend service for slain brother

By **KEVIN TEETS**, Tennessee-Martin '06

The flight from Gainesville to Buffalo made by 10 men of the University of Florida Chapter for the funeral of one of their brothers was bittersweet. **Jonathon Cote, Florida '09**, was held captive in Iraq for 17 months. His funeral represented to his brothers the peaceful reality that he could no longer be hurt.

Cote, 25, served four years in the U.S. Army with tours in Iraq and Afghanistan prior to attending Florida and joining SigEp. Cote was in college only a short time when he decided to serve yet again. He withdrew from school to work for defense contractor Crescent Security Group stationed in Iraq.

Fellow brother **Matt Sloan, Florida '09**, recalled Cote's motives. "Jon decided to go back to Iraq because he felt guilty that people were over there risking their lives and he was here enjoying everything that he had," Sloan says.

In November 2006, Cote and four other defense contractor employees were captured near the Kuwait border. None of these brave men returned to their families alive.

Sloan and others will never forget Cote's uplifting attitude. Cote's solution for Sloan's homesickness one year was for the two to take a road trip to Indianapolis to watch the Gators in the final four. "Jon lived with such enthusiasm and passion for life that it was really difficult to have a bad day when you were around him," Sloan said.

Sloan said that Cote's family was thrilled to see them. "For a lot of Jon's family and friends in Buffalo, they had only heard of his Fraternity brothers. They welcomed us with open arms, and it was uncanny how much they reminded me of Jon. Over 2,000 people showed up to the funeral and Jon's dad thanked two groups of people: the members of the Armed Forces and the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon for making Jon's life complete and happy," Sloan said.

Now a member of the eternal brotherhood, Cote will be remembered as a quintessential SigEp man. "He lived with a great deal of balance. Jon was in great shape, had a very good GPA, always looked out for his brothers, and personified our cardinal principles," Sloan said.

What would Cote's advice have been to his Fraternity brothers? Sloan eagerly responded: "His advice would be really simple. 'Seize every moment for all that it is worth.'"



Jonathon Cote, Florida '09

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While an honor guard escorts Jonathon Cote's casket, mourners including SigEp brothers pay their last respects to Cote.

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~ MATT SLOAN



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Ball State breaks ground for Balanced Men

By **DON PARK**, Ball State '61

Following eight years of planning, construction began on a new chapter residence for Ball State University in July. The 18,000-square-foot facility will cost \$3.1 million and house 44 men when completed at the start of the 2009 fall semester.

The residence is designed to support the chapter's academic initiatives and compete with new university residence halls. Mechanical and plumbing systems will be decentralized to accommodate residential suite arrangements. A library/seminar room, classroom, faculty office and director's suite will support chapter academic programs. A fitness room, recreation room, chapter office, kitchen, formal dining room, large outside deck and formal lounge will round out the common areas.

Chartered at Ball State in 1953, Indiana Gamma has a history of leadership within the university community. Since adopting the Balanced Man philosophy in 1993, the chapter has continued the tradition of leading the Greek community in academics and athletics, in addition to winning four Buchanan Cups.

The Alumni and Volunteer Corporation, under the leadership of **Dan VanTreese**, '66, realized the need for a new house. A house renovation fund was established in 1999 to support development and implementation of a plan. The following year, an alumni committee recommended construction of a new residence.

An alumni committee developed a five-year plan for raising funds. The committee, nicknamed the "Genesis Group," included **Oz Nelson**, '59, **Jim Turner**, '59, **John Conley**, '56, **Don Park**, '61, **Clancy Gullion**, '54, **Tom Hilgendorf**, '60, **Fred Hamilton**, '58, and **Larry Yazel**, '59. They created the Genesis Campaign and fund raising began.

The \$1.5 million campaign was announced to chapter alumni at its 50th Anniversary Celebration in February 2003. Nelson, former



CEO of UPS, is chairing the campaign, and Park is campaign coordinator. The Genesis Campaign has secured gifts and pledges totaling \$1,145,000 from nearly 200 alumni to date. The campaign concludes on December 31.

The prospect of the new house has enhanced academic performance and recruitment. Half of the chapter earned GPAs of 3.0 and above in spring 2008. The new member class size during 2007-08 was the largest in recent years, and the national Fraternity recognized the chapter for its retention of new members.

**For information or to contribute to the
Indiana Gamma Genesis Campaign, contact
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